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Standing Committee.

Members of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

M. H. GILLETT, *President*.....PRESIDENT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

ROBERT BUMSTED.....PRESIDENT BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

E. M. PRITCHARD.....PRESIDENT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

D. S. GREGORY, JR.....PRESIDENT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

CHAS. H. O'NEILL, MAYOR.

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Standing Committees.

Finance :

GREGORY, O'NEILL, PRITCHARD.

Taxation and Assessments :

BUMSTED, PRITCHARD, GREGORY.

Claims :

PRITCHARD, O'NEILL, BUMSTED.

Printing and Stationery :

O'NEILL, GREGORY, BUMSTED.

Salaries :

GREGORY, O'NEILL, PRITCHARD.

MINUTES.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms in the City Hall, April 12, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing the Board of Finance and Taxation, President Pritchard in the chair.

The Clerk read the call of the meeting. Commissioner Farrier stated that the meeting was informal and illegal, as the call had been signed but a few minutes ago.

The President supported the point of order and decided that it was no meeting.

Mayor O'Neill appealed from the decision of the chair.

Commissioner Gregory stated that there was not any thing in the rules of order of this Board contrary to such a step.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the decision of the chair was not sustained.

Members present—Mayor O'Neill, President Pritchard, Commissioners Gillett, Gregory and Farrier.

Mayor O'Neill moved the Board go into an election for President. The motion was adopted.

The President stated before retiring he would like to return his thanks to the members of this Board, for their kindness and courtesy, and

hoped that the same forbearance would characterize their conduct towards his successor.

Commissioner Pritchard then declared the seat vacant.

Mayor O'Neill moved Commissioner Gregory take the chair. The motion was adopted.

President Gregory stated that nominations were in order:

Mayor O'Neill nominated Commissioner Gillett; Commissioner Gillett nominated Mayor O'Neill; Commissioner Farrier nominated ex-President Pritchard. Commissioner Pritchard respectfully declined.

Mayor O'Neill also stated that it would be impossible for him to serve.

Commissioner Farrier was appointed teller. On the third ballot, Commissioner Gillett was elected President by the following vote: M. H. Gillett, 3; blacks, 2.

Commissioner Gillett was then declared elected President.

President Gillett returned his thanks briefly, and excused himself from further remarks on account of sickness.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:
That this Board now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, April 12, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

Present—Commissioner Farrier. Absent—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Pritchard, and Gregory.

Less than a quorum being present the meeting was adjourned to Friday, April 19, 1872.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms in the City Hall, Friday, April 19, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of announcing committees and transacting such other business as may be deemed necessary.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Farrier and Gregory.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the rules of order that governed this Board last year be adopted. Commissioner Gregory amended the motion by making the regular meetings every Friday evening, at 7½ p. m., instead of Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock p. m., as in rule 27. The motion was amended was adopted.

The President announced the Standing Committees as follows:

Finance—Commissioners Gregory, O'Neill and Pritchard.

Taxation and Assessments—Commissioners Farrier, Pritchard and Gregory.

Claims—Commissioners Pritchard, O'Neill and Farrier.

Printing and Stationery—Commissioners O'Neill, Gregory and Farrier.

Salaries—Commissioners Gregory, O'Neill and Pritchard.

The President took up the regular order of business, as suggested by some of the members.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Attorney, J. Dixon, Jr., inclosing one-half bill for printing, \$82 75, in the cases of certiorari Evans & Baxter vs. Jersey City, and recommending its payment.

By Mayor O'Neill:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. Fleming for \$82 75, for one-half bill for printing in cases on certiorari in Supreme Court, Baxter & Evans vs. Jersey City, being one-half of \$165 50.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

Communication from James H. Love, City Collector, enclosing a communication from Wm. Brinkerhoff, Esq., counsel of Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, giving notice that proceedings to recover will be commenced unless the amount due from Jersey City for school and poll taxes are paid.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the communication was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and with power.

Communication from Wm. B. Brinkerhoff, Esq., attorney for Robert Hamilton, in reference to lot 102, hat belonged to said party, and was taken for the opening of Jewett avenue, and asking the Board to cause the city liens now on said lot to be cancelled, was, on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

The following certified copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Public Works, April 9, 1872, and approved by his Honor the Mayor, April 12, 1872, was presented, and on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, it was referred to the Committee on Finance with power.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation, are hereby requested to issue bonds to the amount of five thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars and sixty-nine cents, (\$5,715 69), for the purpose of paying awards for the widening of Hudson avenue from Mill Road to Palisade avenue.

Claim of J. B. Cleveland for interest, having been audited by the Committee, was received and ordered on file.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

Treasurer reported the following balance sheet for the week ending Friday, April 18, 1872:

Balance in First National Bank, general account.....	\$76,722 50
Balance in First National Bank, sinking fund.....	11,248 87
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, general account.....	28,694 00
Total.....	\$116,665 87

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the report was received and ordered on file.

President Gillett presented to the Board the affidavit of Bernard Harney and petition of E. Jacques, to have assessment corrected, both referred to committee, March 22, 1872, and petition of Samuel D. Ellis, presented January 19, and referred to Committee on Claims, was received and re-referred to Committee on Claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Farrier, on the part of the Committee on Finance, reported that there was a great number of claims at present pressing on the city, and that it would require some \$450,000 to pay interest, bonds and improvement certificates up to and including the 1st day of May, but he thought they could get along very well with \$250,000, together with what they had on hand and what would be received.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the report be received, and the Committee on Finance be authorized to negotiate a sale of \$300,000 of city bonds.

Commissioner Pritchard amended the motion by adding the words, "and the said bonds to be issued under section 155, of the city charter." The motion was amended was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred April 5, 1872, the petition of Delos E. Culver, to have refunded taxes of 1871, twice paid in error, and respectfully report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty-six dollars and fifty cents be paid to Delos E. Culver, to refund taxes of 1871, paid Dec. 30, 1871, on part of lots 7 and 8 Washington avenue, block 438, the said taxes having been previously paid, Dec. 9, 1871; and that the Clerk be directed to make the proper entry on the receipt.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Commissioner Pritchard, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, April 5, 1872, the petition of John J. Seifke, per W. Brinkerhoff, attorney, for correction of assessment on his property, from improvement of Washington avenue, from Palisade to Monticello avenue, alleging that he is charged for flagging never furnished, respectfully report that said assessment having been confirmed your Honorable Body have no power in the premises. Mr. Seifke should have objected before the confirmation of assessment.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred October 27, 1871, the petition of Keeney & Halladay for correction of record in Collector's office, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to credit lots 1, 2, 3, in block 22, with assessment for improvement of Washington avenue, confirmed April 22, 1867, the said assessments having been paid by Keeney & Halladay May 22, 1867; and that said assessment against lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, in block 18, be held as not paid under said receipt.

B. F. Welsh, the former Collector of the City of Bergen, having erroneously credited the wrong lots in entering the payment of assessment by said Keeney & Halladay. On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the report was received and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Claim of the Times Printing Co. for \$79 50 for printing, having been audited by the Committee and found correct, Commissioner Farrier offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Times Printing Co. for \$79 50 for printing, &c.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The official Bonds of Richard Onslow, John O'Keefe, John Holmes and John Dolan, as Constables, with the certificate of the City Attorney, was received, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the official bonds of the Registrar be in the sum of

(\$50,000) fifty thousand dollars. The motion was adopted.

Mayor O'Neill moved this Board meet every Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock p. m., until otherwise ordered. The motion was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill, and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held at their rooms, City Hall, Friday afternoon, April 26, 1872, at 2 o'clock.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Farrier and Gillett.

The reading of the minutes of the last three meetings were dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from James S. Noyes, Wm. Hanks, Jacob Ringle and others, in regard to Mr. Edward Suffolk and his applications for the now vacant position of Assistant Assessor for the Second Aldermanic District, was, on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, laid on the table for the present.

Communication from the Comptroller stating that the books, papers, etc., pertaining to the collection of water rents are ready for delivery; also presenting a statement of the amount between the Board of Works and the Corporation of Jersey City, for such action as the Board of Finance may deem proper. On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the communication was received, and the statement was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from W. P. Douglass, relative to the present Assessor of the First District, declaring that the necessary notice, &c., &c., had not been given, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory, on the part of the Committee on Finance, reported that the committee to which was referred April 9, 1872, the official bonds of Richard Unslow, John Dolan, John O'Keefe, John Holmes as constables, also April 23 the bonds of Elwell P. Hutton as constable, and John V. B. Vreeland as Registrar of the Jersey City Water Works, would respectfully report that the above bonds are certified to by the City Attorney as correctly drawn, and that the sureties are competent in the meaning of the law.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report was received and the bonds ordered on file.

The Committee on Finance to which was referred April 19, 1872, the communication of City Collector James H. Love, accompanied by a communication of William Brinkerhoff, Esq., counsel for Board of Freeholders, would respectfully report:

That the amount of school tax due the State from Jersey City is \$97,555 32.

That the amount of school tax due the city from the State is \$104,816 91.

The Committee have offered both the Collector, E. W. Kingsland, Esq., and Wm. Brinkerhoff, Esq., to credit the State with \$97,555 32, or to give a certificate for the amount which he would be willing to receive in part payment for the amount due us, but neither of the gentlemen could make any such statement.

Therefore, in view of the fact that nations, banks, corporations and individuals deal with each other upon precisely such conditions as we have offered the representatives of the county, we decline, at present, to make any other settlement.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier, the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

Committee on Finance to which was referred April 19, 1872, the resolution of the Board of Works requesting this Board to issue bonds for five thousand even hundred and fifteen dollars and sixty-nine cents, for the purpose of paying the awards for the widening of Hudson avenue from Mill Road to Palisade avenue, would report that they do not deem it necessary to issue bonds for this purpose, but would instruct the Comptroller to credit that account with the amount from the funds realized by sale of bonds authorized at the last meeting of this Board.

After some discussion this report was finally withdrawn.

Commissioner Gregory also reported that he had some interview with the Directors of the First National Bank, and that they were averse to receiving the City's account; and he had waited on them since the meeting of the Board of Directors, and they were unanimous in refusing to lend the city any more money or to continue their account, but he was sanguine that the other banks of the city would meet the city's obligations in the way of interest, and would give all the assistance in their power; and he also stated that he had been about in respect to the sale of bonds and without exception they want one per cent. commission, but he had not committed himself in any one essential point, as he thought before doing so he would consult the Board. On motion of Commissioner Farrier, the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mayor O'Neill stated that warrants were awaiting his signature in the City Clerk's office, and that money must be furnished to meet the obligations of the City.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the resolution passed at the last meeting, ordering the issue of (\$300,000) bonds of the city under section 155 of the city charter, be and the same is hereby repealed. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Pritchard and adopted: Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and are hereby authorized to issue bonds to the amount of five hundred thousand (\$500,000), said issue to be under section 129 of the city charter, for the purpose of funding or paying off the floating debt of said city, said bonds to be dated May 1, 1872, and to run twenty years.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the price of said bonds be at par and accrued interest. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Pritchard and adopted: Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow in anticipation of the collection of taxes or the sale of bonds, such amount of money as may be required for the present or future necessities of the city, and that the City Clerk issue such evidence of indebtedness as may be required, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to sign the same.

Commissioner Gregory presented a resolution which was read, but as it covered the same grounds as that just previously passed it was withdrawn.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be and are hereby authorized to have printed five hundred Coupon Bonds, in accordance with a resolution passed this day.

President Gillett stated to the Board that Mr. Bausted had kindly volunteered his services to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance in clearing up the assessment account, and he took occasion to thank the gentleman, on the part of the Board, for the experience he would naturally bring to bear on the subject, and that it would be necessary for Mr. Gregory and Mr. Bausted to be provided with a clerk, or help, if they require it.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill it was so ordered. Official bonds of John F. Richardson, Edward Benson, Henry H. Klue, John I. Langworthy, Henry F. Crawford, as Constable, were, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the Committee on Printing and Stationery be and are hereby authorized to order the books and blanks necessary for the Assessors.

The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Pritchard:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, City Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different clerks under the control of the Board, for the month of April, 1872, for the following amounts, viz: Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; E. A. Carman, \$333 34, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as City Treasurer;

Jonathan Dixon, Jr., \$250, salary as City Attorney; William Stevens, \$150, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; Robert Hutton, \$133 34, salary as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as clerk to the Mayor; A. D. Hamilton, \$150 salary as clerk to the city collector; Justus Slater, \$94 34, less 2 days, salary as clerk in the collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$110, salary as clerk in the collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$93 34, less 2 days, salary as clerk in the collector's office; A. L. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in the collector's office; Weston Halsey \$160, salary as Clerk in the Collector's office; A. W. Marinus, 93 34, less 2 days, salary as Clerk in the Collector's office; Martin Fink, \$93 34, less 2 days, salary as Clerk in the Collector's office; Henry S. Lord, \$100, salary as Clerk in the Collector's office; Frank Wood, 163 34, less two days, salary as Clerk in the Collector's office; J. H. Cough, \$100 00, salary as Clerk in the Collector's office; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in City Clerk's

office; Nicholas E. Feury \$100, salary as Clerk in City Clerk's office, also Mary Liston, \$36 for cleaning City Hall for April, 1872; Peter J. Hanley, \$58 34, salary as City Hall messenger and page of the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as the Board of Police Commissioners; and the official newspapers as follows: American Standard \$250 for printing minutes; Evening Journal \$250, for printing minutes, and Jersey City Times \$250, for printing minutes, also Wacht on the Hudson \$250, all for printing minutes for April.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City, Hall, Wednesday, May 1, 1872, at half past 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory and Farrier.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Pritchard.

The Clerk read the President's order to issue notices for this meeting.

President Gillett stated the object of the meeting was to amend a resolution passed at the last meeting of this Board, April 26, 1872, in relation to the term of years which this last issue of bonds was to run, and the Committee had decided to make it twenty-five instead of twenty years, as stated in the resolution.

Commissioner Gregory stated that he had resolutions to offer that he had prepared for this purpose, and he would submit the following:

Resolved, That the resolution passed April 26 1872, authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars be so amended that the bonds shall be dated May 1, 1872, and to run twenty-five instead of twenty years.

The resolution was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

That warrants be ordered drawn in favor of the Hudson County National Bank for the following purposes, to wit: One warrant for one hundred and ten thousand (\$110,000) dollars, to pay interest on bonds due or past due, and one warrant for ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, to pay bonds (principal) due May 1, 1872, at said bank.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That permission be granted to the Finance Committee to sell the bonds ordered to be issued at the meeting April 26, 1872, at par and interest, less one per cent. commission, if they deem it to the interest of the city so to do.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City, Hall, Friday, May 3, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Farrier.

The reading of the minutes of the two last meetings was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from H. A. Greene, Henry T. Lee, D. E. Soule, M. D. Tilden, and others to appoint James P. Spencer, Assistant Assessor of the Second Aldermanic District, was on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, laid on the table for the present.

Petition of Sylvanus Judd and George C. Buckingham, for cancellation of sale of taxes, was on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Harriet E. Smith, for return of taxes twice paid, was, on motion, referred to the same Committee.

President Gillett submitted a communication from O. Stron, who inquired the lowest rate for which \$10,000 Jersey City 7 per cent. twenty year coupon bonds will be sold, was, on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Petition from Jacob Kingle, J. H. Burgess, L. V. H. Coover and A. C. Totten and others to have John Henry Meyer appointed Assistant Assessor for the Second Aldermanic District, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, laid on the table for the present.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS

Claim of John W. Harrison for stationery, &c., \$457 45, having been audited by the Committee and found correct, Mayor O'Neill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John W. Harrison for \$457 45, for stationery, &c., &c.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported balance in bank for the week ending May 4, 1872, as follows:

Balance in Hudson County National Bank, general account.....	\$14,912 56
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, special account.....	34,463 87
Sinking Fund account.....	12,348 87
Total.....	\$61,725 30

On motion of Commissioner Farrer the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending May 4, 1872, was received and ordered on file.

Official bonds of Francis Hall and William L. Shopp as Constables, were received, and on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance, to which were referred April 26, 1872, the official bonds of John F. Richardson, John J. Langworthy, Henry F. Crawford, Edward Benson and Henry H. Kline, would respectfully report the said bonds correct, and with sufficient securities, and recommended their acceptance. The report was received and recommendation of the Committee adopted.

Commissioner Gregory, on the part of the Committee on Finance, reported that he had communicated with most of the banks in relation to the city's deposits, &c., &c., and now he thought it was the province of this Board to make some proposition to the banks. He desired to consult the Board before taking any responsibility on himself. On motion the report was received.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessment, to which was referred, April 19, 1872, the communication from Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney for Robert Hamilton, requesting cancellation of assessment on lot belonging to him, for the reason that the major part of said lot was taken by the city in the opening of Jewett avenue, respectfully report that your Committee suppose that the liens upon said property were established prior to the taking of land by the city for street opening, and should have been paid by Mr. Hamilton, it being fair to presume that he was satisfied with the amount allowed for land taken. Your Committee would further report the City Attorney's opinion hereto annexed, in which will be found stated that your honorable body have no power to cancel.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred February 9, 1872, the petition of Jos. F. McCoy for transfer of moneys paid for taxes and water rents on lots belonging to him, and on which he supposed he paid at the time of payment, respectfully report that the water rents of 1871 have been settled and arranged on the Water Register for that year. The taxes of 1870 have been twice paid for 1870 on lot 114, Monticello avenue, in block \$283; once December 20, 1870, by Dr. Westervelt, the owner, again by Mr. McCoy, February 13, 1871; lot 106, same street and block, belonging to Mr. McCoy, has been sold for taxes of 1870, and must be redeemed by him in the usual manner. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen dollars and twenty-three cents, (\$16 23), be paid to J. F. McCoy to refund taxes of 1870 paid February 13, 1871, one lot 114, Monticello avenue, block 283, 14th Ward, the said tax having been previously paid December 20, 1870, and that the clerk make proper entry on receipt of Mr. McCoy, and notify the Collector of this action.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report of the committee was received, and the resolution adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That Justus Slater be appointed assessment clerk in the Collector's office at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and that he be required to give such bonds as the Finance Committee shall determine.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the resolution was received and laid on the table for the present.

Commissioner Gregory presented a resolution in regard to poll tax due State or county from the city, but after some discussion was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred back, to take the course as the school tax, etc., etc.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mayor O'Neill stated that he had an offer from Mr. Goelt, for one hundred thousand Jersey City 7 per cent. twenty-year bonds at par and interest less one per cent commission in addition to the \$500,000 25 year bonds which are to be issued, and in connection with this he would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we accept the bid of Mr. Goelt for one hundred thousand (\$100,000) of Jersey City 7 per cent. twenty year bonds, said bond or bonds to be registered, and to be sold for par and interest, less one per cent commission, and to be issued under section 155 of the city charter. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the resolution passed at the last special meeting of this Board, for the drawing of warrants to pay interest on bonds due or past due, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Pritchard, in connection with this matter, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and ten thousand (\$110,000) dollars be appropriated for the payment of the interest on Jersey City bonds due May 1, 1872. The resolution was adopted.

By Commissioner Pritchard, and adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-three (9,993) dollars be appropriated for the payment of bonds falling due May 1, 1872.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the resolution of Commissioner Gregory's that was laid on the table in relation to the Assessment Clerk be now taken up. The motion was adopted.

The resolution was then passed by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present. Commissioner Pritchard moved that the assessment clerk's bonds be fixed at (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars. The motion was adopted.

Mayor O'Neill moved to go into an election for Assistant Assessor for the Second Aldermanic District; nominations being in order, the following were the nominees: Edward Suffolk, James Spencer, John Burgess and John Henry Meyer.

Commissioner Pritchard was appointed teller.

First ballot—Spencer 2, Meyer 1, Burgess 1, Suffolk 1.

Second ballot—Spencer 3, Burgess 1, Suffolk 1.

Whereupon James P. Spencer was declared elected Assistant Assessor for the Second District.

President Gillett stated that he saw a great many of the assessors present, and wished to say to them that this Board had received a great many complaints about assessments that had required a great deal of time and patience on the part of the Commissioners to rectify; he

did not know whether it was a lack of judgment, or a careless disregard of the interests of the citizens, but he would say the valuations were oftener less than twenty-five cents on a dollar than they were over. They proposed to continue the Assessors in office, and he trusted they would hereafter perform their duty faithfully and fearlessly.

Mayor O'Neill moved to adjourn, but the motion was withdrawn on Commissioner Farrier taking the floor. Commissioner Farrier said, as this would be the last time he would meet as a member of the Board, he wished to return his thanks for the kindness and courtesy with which he had been treated by the Comptroller, Treasurer, City Clerk and Collector, and by all hands, and although he should no longer participate in the discussions of this Board he should still take the utmost interest in its welfare and success.

Commissioner Pritchard said it had not occurred to him that this was the last meeting the Commissioner would attend, and therefore he was taken unawares, but he would say that during the past year the Commissioner had always been found energetic in the pursuit of the knowledge necessary to do justice to the many tedious cases of petitions on assessments that continually came before him, and the Board had always found him ready, prompt and clear in his reports. He would therefore move that a Committee be appointed to draft and have engrossed a set of resolutions indicative of the esteem in which they held the gentleman.

The motion was adopted.

The President appointed on that Committee, Commissioner Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gregory.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted :

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, May 10, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

President—President Gillet, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard and Bumsted.

Absent—Commissioner Gregory.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Justus Slater, Frank B. Wood, and John Crech, Jr., in regard to the salaries or pay of clerks and judges of election, was on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, referred to the City Attorney for his opinion in the matter.

Communication from H. M. Traphagen, E. W. Kingsland, guardian of A. V. N. Traphagen, C. V. Traphagen and Hannah M. Post, relative to the revision of assessment for widening Hoboken avenue, from Palisade avenue to Hoboken City limits, approved April 19, 1872, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from Frederick Links in regard to the erroneous assessment of his property in Fourth Aldermanic District, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from G. P. Robinson, Secretary to the Board of Assessors, notifying this Board that their Board had met and organized, and requesting that a room in the City Hall be set apart for their use. The communication was received, and on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the same room was designated for their use that was used for this purpose last year.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the week ending Friday, May 10, 1872:

Balance Cr. General Account	\$104,664 52
Balance Cr. Special Interest and Bonds	71,694 46
Balance Cr. Special Salaries	29,403 76
Balance Cr. Sinking Fund	12,716 18

Total.....\$218,478 92

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending May 10, 1872, was received and ordered on file.

Official bond of Justus Slater, as Assessment Clerk in the Collector's office, with J. B. Cleveland and Howard Slater, sureties, was, on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, received and placed on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, May 4, 1872, the petition of Judd & Buckingham, setting forth that they paid the taxes of 1863 on lot 18, in block 141, on Cottage street, in former City of Hudson, and that said lot was sold in 1869, and to whom was referred May 3, 1872, the petition of Harriet E. Smith, setting forth that lots 18 to 21 were sold in 1869, for taxes of 1869, and that she was compelled to pay taxes on all of said lots (being sold together) to relieve her lots 19 to 21, and holds the declaration of sale of said lots by assignment, respectfully report that your committee find upon examination that the statements therein made are true, and would therefore report in favor of granting the prayer of said petition of Harriet E. Smith, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to Harriet E. Smith, being the taxes of 1863, paid by her on lot 18 Cottage street, in block 141 in redeeming lots 18 to 21, in block 141 from sale for said taxes, the warrant for said sum to be delivered to her on her surrender to the city clerk for cancellation the declaration of sale made by the former City of Hudson, December 19, 1863, of lots 18 to 21 Cottage street, block 141, for taxes of 1863.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the report be re-

ceived and the resolution adopted. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Pritchard, as chairman of the committee appointed at last meeting to draw up a set of resolutions expressive of the esteem in which the members of this Board hold Commissioner Farrier, presented the following:

Whereas, owing to the expiration of the term of office of the Hon. Geo. H. Farrier, as an Alderman of Jersey City, by which terminates his official connection with the Board of Finance, he being a member of the Board through his election as President of the Board of Alderman; and

Whereas, During his connection with this Board for the past year, he has always evinced the utmost faithfulness in the discharge of his duties as a member, and by his integrity and unwavering determination that, what he did should be for the best interests of the city; and

Whereas, We are loath to have him retire to the quiet walks of private life without some expression of the high esteem and warm friendship we now and ever shall entertain for him, and our regret at officially parting with one whose many noble qualities have endeared him to us; and

Whereas, In these days of political commotion it is gratifying to have the opportunity to say of a retiring official that honesty of purpose and purity of action have characterized his official career throughout; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the retirement of Hon. George H. Farrier from the Board we have been called upon to separate officially with a true, tried, and faithful officer, in whose character there is no blemish, and who, in his official capacity, was ever prompted by a desire to act for the public good.

Resolved, That in whatever position he may in future be placed, private or official, he will have our best wishes, individually and collectively, that health, happiness and success may attend him in every walk of life.

Commissioner Pritchard moved the resolutions be adopted, and that they be entered in full upon the Journal of Proceedings of this Board, and that a copy be engrossed suitably and sent to Mr. Farrier. The motion was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Times Printing Co. for \$63 sixty-three dollars, for advertising notices to taxpayers, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mayor O'Neill stated that Mr. Goelet wanted \$10,000 Jersey City 7 per cent Funding Debt Bonds, but he wanted a registered bond; he would move that the bid of Mr. Goelet for \$10,000 Jersey City twenty-five year seven per cents be accepted.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Commissioner Pritchard and Mayor O'Neill, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Pritchard stated that he had received two bids for bonds of this city from friends of his. One was for ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars of Jersey City funding debt bonds at 99½ and accrued interest. The other was for eleven thousand (\$11,000) dollars Jersey City 7 per cent twenty-five years funded debt bonds at 99½ and accrued interest.

Mayor O'Neill moved that both of these bids be received and accepted.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Commissioner Pritchard, the motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Pritchard:

Heolved, That this Board do issue water scrip to the amount of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) dollars, dated April 1, 1872, said bonds having 30 years to run and bringing interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, payment semi-annually, said bonds to be issued under supple-

ment to section 80 of city charter, and the price of said bonds to be par and interest.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Pritchard and adopted:

That when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from to-night. The

motion was adopted.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the Committee on Printing and Stationery be authorized to purchase the necessary stationery required for the different offices. The motion was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, May 24, 1872, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Bumsted and Gregory.
Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from Cornelius Van Horne to have pronounced the assessment on West Grand street, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of John W. Harrison \$495 15 for stationery, bonds, &c., &c.; Times Printing Co. \$63 for advertising, &c., &c., etc.; also Times Printing Co. \$106 75 for printing, and James H. Love \$1 35 for affidavit, having been audited by the respective Committees, were received and ordered paid.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the week ending Friday, May 24, 1872:

Balance on general account.....	\$219,055 63
Balance on water account.....	2,319 70
Balance on interest account.....	58,627 46
Balance on Sinking Fund account.....	12,815 18

Total.....\$315,817 97

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending Friday, May 24, 1872, was on motion received and ordered on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory on the part of the Committee on Finance, reported water scrip bonds sold to the amount of \$300,000 and 25-year bonds to the amount of \$191,000 also having quite a number engaged; also reported the official bond and surities of John E. Scott, City Clerk; Frederick Vogt, Robert H. Harriott, Francis Hall and William L. Shopp, as constables, correct.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report of the committee was received and the bonds ordered on file.

A certified resolution was received from the Board of Public Works relative to the bonds and amounts of sureties of some of their officers.

In connection with this matter Commissioner Gregory offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sureties of the following officers be fixed as hereinafter named:

1. John P. Culver, Chief of Surveying Bureau.....	\$50,000
2. R. C. M. Brosas, Assis. and Engineer.....	25,000
3. J. R. Hixon, Accountant for Assessments.....	15,000
4. John Camp, Jr., Surveyor.....	15,000
5. Cornelius Vreeland, Surveyor.....	15,000
6. Edward F. Stephens, Surveyor.....	15,000
7. Wm. W. Ruggles, Surveyor.....	15,000

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the resolution was adopted and their official bonds ordered on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS.

Commissioner Bumsted, on the part of the Committee, reported on the petition of the executors of the estate of H. Trapbagen, deceased, for revision of assessment for widening of Hoboken avenue, from Palisade avenue to Hoboken City line, respectfully report that the said assessment, against the property of said estate has been adjusted by the surveyor of the work, Mr. Ruggles, satisfactory to all the parties interested.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred, on the 10th

inst., the petition of Frederick Links for correcting of assessments for taxes of 1871, wherein he is assessed for house and lot instead of vacant lot, respectfully report that in the opinion of the City Attorney your honorable body have no authority under the charter to take any action whatever in the premises, the time for meeting as Commissioners of Appeal having long since expired.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

A communication was read from the City Attorney, in relation to the appropriation on Hospital and Dispensary of the Police Commissioners, some being in excess and some being short, with his opinion thereon. In connection with this, Mayor O'Neill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to transfer the balance of the appropriation on Public Health to Hospital and Dispensary account, in accordance with the written opinion of the City Attorney, May 3, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Official bonds of James H. Love, City Collector, and Wm. Welsh as Poundkeeper, were received, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Commissioner Bumsted:

Resolved, That the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents be paid to J. B. Stone, to refund water rents of 1871, paid on lot B, Monticello avenue, in 39 or 360, the said water rents having been twice paid as appears by receipts herewith submitted, bearing dates July 1 and July 23, 1871, respectively.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioners Bumsted:

Resolved, That the sum of eleven dollars and thirty-nine cents be paid to John H. Cable, to refund amount paid September 18, 1871, in redemption of Lot 28, Lafayette street, in Block 1, sold by former city of Bergen, May 24, 1869, for assessment for sidewalks on Pine street, the said assessment having been previously paid by I. B. Culver, December 28, 1865, to B. F. Welsh, former Collector.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector for seven thousand three hundred and sixty-nine dollars (\$7,369), being the amount of poll tax due the County from this city.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Bumsted:

Resolved, That a committee of one be appointed by this Board to act in conjunction with the Committee of the Board of Aldermen, in regard to cleaning and care of the offices in the City Hall, &c. &c.

Commissioner Gregory amended the resolution by naming Commissioner Bumsted such committee, and authorizing Commissioner Bumsted to employ the necessary help, &c., for the purposes aforesaid.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That Henry Smith be appointed a clerk to distribute tax bills and notices, and to do such other work as the Collector may find him to do, at a salary not to exceed, at the rate of \$—— per annum.

After some discussion, it was finally, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, laid on the table.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted :

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be instructed to transfer from expenditures on water account, under section 80 of city charter, and place to credit of water account, under section 155, one hundred thousand dollars.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS BY RESOLUTION.

By Mayor O'Neill:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Times Printing Co., for \$106 75, for printing; Times Print-

ing Co., \$63, for advertising, &c.; John W. Harrison, \$495 15, for stationery, bonds, &c., and James H. Love, \$1 33, for affidavit in relation to city tax.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—All the members present.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted.

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, May 31, 1872, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Present—Commissioner Gregory.

Absent—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill,

Commissioners Pritchard and Bumsted.

Less than a quorum being present, the meeting was adjourned to Friday, June 7, 1872.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk,

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, June 7, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—President Gillett.

The President being absent on motion of Mayor O'Neill Commissioner Gregory was appointed President pro tem.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Patrick Mulvey relative to the assessments on his property, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of F. W. Bekman in regard to an unjust assessment on his property in the opening of Ninth street, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Geo. P. Simonson to refund amount of tax paid for water rent for the years 1871 and 1872, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of C. Chaddock to have amount of \$42.44 refunded to him as the said amount had been paid to Collector of taxes twice for same year, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from Henry S. Lord, resigning his position as clerk in the Collector's office, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill, received and placed on file.

Communication from E. A. Carman, Comptroller, asking the sanction of the Board to allow him to condense into one general account the items enumerated in the transcript, also to place upon the books of the city the value of the real estate of the city, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to the Finance Committee with power.

Communication from the Comptroller, enclosing bounty bond No. 103, Town of Bergen, for five hundred dollars, dated June 1, 1864, due January 1, 1884, which was lacking in signatures, and coupons Nos. 18, 19 and 20, evidently an unintentional omission, and offering the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to sign coupons Nos. 18, 19 and 20, on bounty bond No. 103, issued by Town of Bergen, June 1, 1864, due January 1, 1884; for five hundred dollars, the Town Treasurer of Bergen at the time being having omitted to sign said coupons, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Finance with power.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John H. Lyon, \$757.50, for printing and stationery having been audited by the committee and found correct was ordered paid.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the week ending Friday, June 7, 1872:

Balance, Credit General Account.....	\$277,745 27
" " Water	265,098 46
" " Sinking Fund.....	13,331 18
Total.....	\$566,214 91

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending June 7, 1872, was on motion received and filed.

Official bond of Math. Erwin, as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures was referred by the President to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory, on the part of the Committee on Finance reported having examined the official bonds of Jos. H. Love, City Collector, and Wm. Welsh, Poundkeeper, and that he had found them correct, and moved that they be accepted and filed. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Gregory also reported the conclusion of the sale of bonds to the amount of \$771,000 at par interest less one per cent commission.

Commissioner Bumsted on the part of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, May 24, 1872, the petition of Cornelius Van Horne, for apportionment of assessment on plot 111, West Grand street, in Block 348, for widening said street from Mill Creek to Colding place, he having purchased part of said plot, respectfully report that your Honorable Body have no power under the charter to correct any assessment after the confirmation.

It would seem in this case from the reading of the petition, that the property in question belonged to one party before the purchase by Mr. Van Horne. On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and ordered on file.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, for \$411 for printing; and \$231.90 for printing, was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Commissioner Bumsted reported as a special committee of one that he had procured the additional services of an extra woman for the necessary cleaning of the offices in the City Hall, and would therefore report progress. The report was on motion received, and the action of the committee confirmed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Commissioner Gregory nominated Andrew Whyte to be clerk, vice Lord, resigned, in Collector's office. Mayor O'Neill nominated Peter Hauley. Commissioner Bumsted was appointed teller. First ballot, Andrew Whyte received three votes, and Peter Hauley one, whereupon Andrew Whyte was declared elected clerk in the Collector's office.

By Commissioner Pritchard:

Resolved, That the salaries of A. D. Hamilton, clerk to the City Collector, to be \$2,400 per year, and the salary of Wm. Stevens, clerk to the Comptroller be \$2,200 per year.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by following vote:

Ayes—President Gregory, Commissioners Pritchard and Bumsted. Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the salary of Peter Hauley be fixed at \$9.00 per annum from July 1, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the sale made March 13, 1872, for water rents of 1866, of property in Lafayette, described at two and a half stories, Foster, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk for the reason that Anson Foster, the supposed owner of said property, which was vacant at said time, owned the water pip then laid, and therefore the assessment was erroneous.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the resolution was referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

AUDITING CLAIMS BY RESOLUTION.

By Mayor O'Neill:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John H. Lyon \$757.50 for printing and advertising.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Bumsted and a lobbyist:

Resolved, That the regular meetings of this Board, from and after this date shall be on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, instead of Friday as heretofore.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different officers and clerks under the control

of this Board for the month of May, 1872, for the following amounts: Chas. H. O'Neill \$250, salary as Mayor; Ezra A. Carman \$33 33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon \$250, salary as City Attorney; Wm. Stevens \$150, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; Robert Hutton \$133 33, salary as Mayor's clerk and clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation; Alexander Hamilton \$150, salary as clerk to the City Collector; Justus Slater \$125, salary as assessment clerk in Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Weston Halsey \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. W. Marinus \$66 66, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Martin Finck \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Henry S. Lord \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John H. Clough \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. L. Sears \$100, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Thomas K. Halstead \$125, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley \$58 33, salary as City Hall messenger and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, also to the Board of Police Commissioners; Mary Liston \$36, clean-

ing rooms in City Hall; and the Assessor and Assistant Assessors for the following amounts: Samuel Peirson \$133 33 Assessor First District; W. L. Jones \$66 66, Assistant Assessor First District; P. H. Lavery \$133 33, Assessor Second District; James Spenser, Assistant Assessor Second District; Joseph Acton \$133 33, Assessor Third District; Samuel W. Stirling \$66 66, Assistant Assessor Third District; G. P. Robertson \$33 33, assessor Fourth District; John W. Martin \$66 66, assistant assessor, Fourth District; James M. Newkirk \$133 33, assessor Fifth District; Theodore Merseles \$66 66, assistant assessor Fifth District; A. A. Woodward \$133 33, assessor Sixth District; Nicholas Werther \$66 66, assistant assessor Sixth District; and the official newspapers for the following amounts: American Standard, printing minutes, \$250; Evening Journal, printing minutes, \$250; Daily Times, printing minutes, \$250; Watch on the Hudson, printing minutes, \$250.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the Board then adjourned.

ROBT. HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, June 13, 1872, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Bumsted and Gregory.

Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition from the Pastor and President of the Consistory of the Second Reformed Church of Hudson City for a modification of the charges and assessment levied on property of said congregation was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, respectfully returned, and the clerk was authorized to notify them that this Board could take no action in the matter.

Communication from E. Evans, enclosing copies of water taxes of 1870, which had just been corrected, and applying for an order on the City Clerk to cancel said sale made March 13 from the records, and receive the amount of the bills without penalty, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the Comptroller calling attention to the necessity of providing a new safe for his office, was, on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, referred to the Committee on Finance.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of George Wood (\$36) thirty-six dollars, for coal, having been audited by the Committee and found correct, was received and ordered paid.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the week ending Thursday, June 13, 1872:

Balance Hudson Co. National Bank,	
Gen'l Account.....	\$252,353 78
Balance Hudson Co. National Bank,	
Water Account.....	\$267,869 93
Sinking Fund Account.....	\$15,165 18

Total..... \$535,388 89

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and ordered on file.

Official Bond of Arthur Spielman, surveyor, was referred to Committee on Finance.

Comptroller's Report for the week ending Thursday, June 13, 1872, was received and ordered on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory, on the part of the Committee on Finance, reported that he had given orders to the Treasurer to sign the

bounty bonds of the Town of Bergen, that had been omitted, and he believed that it had been complied with, and he would also offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer place the sum of fourteen thousand two hundred dollars, being the amount deposited by Garret Vreeland as his perquisites in the purchase of reservoir lands, to an account to be known as the suspense account, until otherwise ordered by this Board. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor O'Neill stated that Mr. Goelet had spoken to him in reference to an exchange of some bonds, and in this connection he would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That four (4) registered bonds of \$25,000 each be issued to Mr. Robert Goelet, of the city of New York, in exchange for coupon bonds for like amount held by him, issued bearing date July 1, 1870, and drawn payable in 5 years from said date, the said registered bonds to be dated July 1, 1872, and drawn payable July 1, 1875, with interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum. The resolution was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to anticipate the payment of the Chicago Relief Bonds, held by four banks of this city, to the amount of \$6,250 each.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS BY RESOLUTION.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Wood for coal for thirty-six dollars (\$36).

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Bumsted and adopted:

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to Frederick Wessels to redeem lot 21, in Whiton street, in block 8, from sales made to the City Treasurer by the former city of Bergen, January 5, 1869, for unpaid taxes.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, collector, for ninety-seven thousand five hundred and fifty-five 32-100 dollars (\$97,555.32), being amount of school tax due from this city.

By Mayor O'Neill, and adopted:

Resolved, That when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet Thursday afternoon, June 27, 1872, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

By Commissioner Bumsted and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, June 27, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.
Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with; on motion of Commissioner Gregory, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Wm. P. Douglas, attorney for John Patten, in regard to reimbursement of money paid by John Patten for property, &c., was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petitions from H. M. Traphagen, in relation to an assessment for improvement of Erie street, from north side of Pavia avenue to south side of North Fifth street, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the President of the Consistory and pastor of the Second Reformed German Church in relation to their communication of the 12th inst asking for a modification was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from Pangborn, Dunning & Dear in relation to the Corporation printing, and enclosing a certified copy of a supplement to an act entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City," was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and placed on file.

Communication from W. A. Brown of the American Standard, in regard to the Corporation printing, was received and placed on file.
Communication from John Ewen, President Pennsylvania Coal Company, setting forth that said Company have paid an assessment for extension of Bay street sewer, and, it having fallen in, protesting against the payment of further assessments for the re-building, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, for \$411 and \$231 90, for printing the last item reported, correct for \$162, John H. Lyon, \$292 for printing having been audited, were received and ordered paid.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the week ending Thursday, June 27, 1872:

Balance in Hudson County National Bank, general account.....	\$139,112 25
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, water account.....	289,518 44
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, sinking fund account.....	15,768 18

Total.....\$444,399 84

On motion of Mayor O'Neill it was received and placed on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending Monday, June 7, 1872, was received and placed on file.

City Clerk reports publication of notice of expiration, April 7, 1872, of time allowed by law for redemption of lands sold April 7, 1870, by former city of Bergen for unpaid taxes and assessments.

Official bonds of Nicholas G. Vreeland, Matthew Telfer and Frederick Clock were received, and, on motion, referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory stated that it would be found necessary to borrow from water accounts \$110,000 to meet interest on July 1, 1872. On motion of Mayor O'Neill the matter was referred to the Committee on Finance to consult City Attorney.

Committee on Finance reported in regard to

the Chicago Bonds that they had been taken up. Anticipated.

Commissioner Gregory would also report the official bond of Arthur Speelman, surveyor, Bureau of Surveying, as correct; and moved the bond be received and filed. The motion was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred June 7, 1872, the petition of Patrick Mulvey for relief from payment of assessment for intersection in flagging east side of Montgomery or Central avenue. Report adverse and recommend that the bill be returned to the petitioner. On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received and action of Committee confirmed.

The report of the Committee on Taxation, to which was referred, June 7, 1872, the petition of Geo. P. Simonson, for refunding of money paid for water rents erroneously assessed, respectfully report that the Water Register for year in dispute does not tally or agree in lot, number, or amount, and therefore your Committee are constrained to report adverse to any action until such petitioner shall present a receipt for money claimed to have been paid in error, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received, and action of the Committee confirmed.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred, June 7, 1872, the petition of C. Chaddock to have refunded taxes of 1871, twice paid in error, report that your Committee have examined the record in Collector's office and find said taxes twice paid, and they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of forty-two dollars and forty-four (\$42 44) be paid to C. Chaddock to refund taxes of 1871, paid by him December 11, 1871, on lots 131, 132 Hudson avenue, in block 750, the said taxes having been previously paid November 17, 1871, and that the Clerk be directed to notify the City Collector of this action of the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred June 7, 1872, the petition of F. W. Beekman, for correction of alleged error in assessment for opening Ninth street, most respectfully report that upon an examination of the assessment map, your committee cannot make the statement in petition agree with said map and presume that some mistake has been made in the communication.

Your Committee would further report that in their opinion your honorable body have no authority under the charter to make a correction in an assessment after confirmation by proper Board.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred, June 7, 1872, the resolution presented at said date, to cancel sale made March 13, 1872, for water rents of 1866, of property in Lafayette described as "Foster miscellaneous 2½ stories," respectfully report that your committee have referred it to J. B. Smith, Water Assessor, who is of opinion that the assessment is erroneous and sale should be cancelled. Your committee would therefore report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale made March 13, 1872, for water rents of 1866 of property in Lafayette described as "Foster Miscellaneous 2½ stories," be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that said assessment is erroneous.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred the subject matter of discharge of the distributor of bills from Collector's office, most respectfully report that J. P. Van Court was appointed May 11, 1871, by resolution to distribute bills from Collector's office, and subsequently his compensation was fixed at three dollars per day when actually employed, that about a month after his appointment

he reported for duty at the Collector's office, and then commenced the delivery of assessment bills; that from that time until about the first day of May last he took from the Collector's office large numbers of bills, and averaged about ten or fifteen days service each month, and apparently did his work well, that much complaint was made to Collector, during the time of non-receipt of bills; and upon investigation the Collector became convinced of the fact that while said Van Court was particular to report for duty, thereby securing the pay, the bills were left by him by the hundred in out of the way places, and consequently the very purpose for which he was employed was rendered naught by his action, that immediately upon discovery of such default, the Collector refused to intrust any more bills to his hands, and since the first day of May last the work has been faithfully performed by the clerks in Collector's office.

Your Committee would therefore report that said Van Court by his own acts forfeited the further confidence of this Board, and therefore recommend his discharge from the city employ. Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT BUMSTED,
D. S. GREGORY, JR.,
Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of W. C. Horton, for repairing clock, \$3, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to the Committee on Claims.

AUDITING CLAIMS BY RESOLUTION.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of John H. Lyon, \$292, for printing.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Paugborn, Dunning & Dear for \$411, and \$162 instead of \$231.90 for printing. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted. Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the sum of fourteen thousand two hundred dollars (\$14,200), directed to be credited to a suspense account, be transferred to the credit of the funds for the purchase of lands for the construction of the new reservoir, being an error of excess in money paid for lands purchased therefor through the agency of Garrett Vreeland, as has been decided by the Court, and voluntarily refunded by said Vreeland on account of said error.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the resolution be laid on the table, and that the Committee on Finance consult with the City Attorney.

By Commissioner Bumsted, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Taxation and Assessments are hereby authorized to procure for the City Clerk's office maps of the city showing changes in street names, and other corrections, at a cost not to exceed \$75.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Whereas, This Board has been served with a certified copy of an act amendatory to Sec. 20 of the City Charter, making the official papers of the city two instead of three, providing said papers shall be the ones having the largest circulation, and not of the same party; and,

Whereas, This Board has no official information as to the circulation of the Times and Journal, and believing the Journal to have the largest circulation,

Resolved, That the Standard and Journal be the official papers until July 5, 1872, when the papers of

the city applying for such recognition shall furnish a sworn statement of their circulation for three months, preceding the passage of the act.

President Gillett stated that Mr. Dixon, the City Attorney, was anxious that some action would be taken on his resignation that had been before this Board.

Commissioner Gregory moved that the Board go into an election for City Attorney.

The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Gregory nominated Wm. A. Lewis.

President Gillett nominated Jacob Weart.

Mayor O'Neill was appointed teller.

First ballot—Wm. A. Lewis, 1 1; Jacob Weart, 1 1.

Second Ballot—Wm. A. Lewis, 1 1; Jacob Weart, 1 1.

Third ballot—Wm. A. Lewis, 1 1; Jacob Weart, 1 1.

Commissioner Bumsted moved that further balloting be dispensed with.

The motion was adopted.

Mayor O'Neill moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet Friday, July 5, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney and the different officers and clerks under the control of this Board for the month of June, 1872, when due, viz., for the following amounts: Chas. H. O'Neill \$250, salary as Mayor; Ezra A. Carman \$333 33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hoinblower \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon \$250, salary as City Attorney; Wm. Stevens \$133 33, salary as Clerk to the Comptroller; Robert Hutton \$133 33, salary as Mayor's Clerk and Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation; Alexander Hamilton \$200, salary as Clerk to the City Collector; Justus Slater \$125, salary as assessment clerk in Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Weston Daisey \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Martin Finck \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Andrew White \$76 60, 23 days; \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; N. E. Feury \$100, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Thomas K. Halstead \$125, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley \$58 33, salary as City Hall messenger and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, also to the Board of Police Commissioners; Mary Liston \$36, and Ann Norton \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; and the Assessor and Assistant Assessors for the following amounts: Samuel Peirson \$133 33, Assessor First District; W. L. Jones \$66 66, Assistant Assessor First District; P. H. Lavery \$133 33, Assessor Second District; James L. Spencer, Assistant Assessor Second District; Joseph Acton \$133 33, Assessor Third District; Samuel W. Stirling \$66 66, Assistant Assessor Third District; G. P. Robertson \$133 33, Assessor Fourth District; John W. Martin, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor Fourth District; James M. Newrick \$133 33, Assessor Fifth District; Theodore Merciles \$66 66, Assistant Assessor Fifth District; A. A. Woodward \$133 33, Assessor Sixth District; Nicholas Werther \$66 66, Assistant Assessor Sixth District; and the official newspapers for the following amounts: American Standard, printing minutes, \$250; Evening Journal, printing minutes, \$250; Daily Times, printing minutes, \$250; Watch on the Hudson, printing minutes, \$250.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present. Nays—None.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the Board adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, June 28, 1872, at 1 o'clock p. m.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, June 28, 1872, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioner Gregory. Absent—Commissioner Pritchard and Bumsted.

Commissioner Gregory moved that the annual estimates of the different Boards of the city government for 1872 and 1873 be now considered. The motion was adopted.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

For support of outdoor poor.....	\$20,000
For legal expenses.....	500
For printing.....	5,500
For naming of streets and renumbering houses.....	1,500
For contingent expenses.....	1,000
For rent of Armories and for furnishing.....	3,500
For stationery and supplies.....	3,500

Total.....\$35,500

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

For Police Department, &c.....	\$190,000
For hospitals, health and dispensaries (instead of \$30,000).....	40,000
For elections.....	12,000
For health and dispensaries (stricken out).....	10,000
For police justices.....	6,200
For special appropriation for sew.....	2,175

Total.....\$250,375

Commissioner Gregory moved that the estimate of the Police Department, as thus corrected, do now pass.

The motion was adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For salaries (instead of \$98,500).....	\$98,800
For horse-shoeing.....	1,200
For repairs to apparatus.....	5,000
For horse feed.....	7,000
For gas.....	1,500
For coal and wood.....	2,000
For new apparatus.....	6,700
For horses.....	1,500
For stationery and printing.....	350
For hose repairs and new hose, 92 lengths, 4,000 ft, \$6,000 instead of.....	5,000
For telegraph and supplies.....	2,000
For supplies to companies \$3,500, instead of.....	3,000

Contingent (stricken out).....	4,250
For repairing front Engine House No. 1, in Warren street.....	1,500
For altering 8 engine house, Columbia street.....	500
For bureau of combustibles.....	1,000
For repairs to buildings, \$6,000, instead of.....	5,000
Expenses at headquarters—running expenses.....	500

\$145,050

Commissioner Gregory moved that the estimate of the Fire Commissioners as corrected do now pass. The motion was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

For salaries.....	\$183,000
For evening schools.....	10,000
For books and stationery.....	15,000
For furniture.....	6,500
For census.....	1,500
For printing and incidentals.....	3,500
For pianos teaching and music.....	3,000
For normal schools.....	1,500
For janitors' supplies.....	2,500
For fuel and gas.....	6,000
For rentals, instead of \$3,500.....	2,500

Total.....\$235,000

Commissioner Bumsted moved that the annual estimate of the Board of Education as thus corrected stand approved. The motion was adopted.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

For streets and sewers.....	\$75,000
Pumping and reservoirs, stricken out.....	75,000
Water rates and assessments, for salaries.....	22,000
Extensions and distributions stricken out.....	10,000
Public buildings, grounds and parks.....	25,000
Fire Commissioners for new stable.....	10,000
Board of Education, for additions to new school houses, &c.....	34,000
Printing and Stationery.....	5,000
Railroads, wharves, piers and bridges, stricken out.....	3,000
Lamps and lights.....	175,000

Total.....\$434,000

The annual estimate of the Board of Finance and Taxation was presented, but not read.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

An Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, July 5, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, Commissioner Pritchard was appointed President, pro tem.

Present—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—President Gillett.

The reading of the minutes of the last two meetings was dispensed with; on motion of Commissioner Gregory, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of M. Gozelein to refund assessment money with interest on lots Nos. 2 and 3 on Ocean avenue and Grand street, paid by him in mistake, was on motion of Commissioner Gregory referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from Panzborn, Dunning, & Dear, enclosing sworn statements as to the circulation of the Evening Journal for the past two months, as required by the City Charter—was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, laid on the table.

Communication from J. A. MacLaughlin, publisher of the Jersey City Times, protesting against the action of the Board on several grounds, &c., was on motion of Commissioner Gregory laid upon the table.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the week ending Friday, July 5, 1872:

Balance Hudson County National Bank General Account.....	\$ 23,317.02
Balance Hudson County National Bank Water Account.....	270,686.30
Balance Hudson County National Bank Sinking Fund Account...	13,838.18

Total.....\$312,871.50

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received and placed on file.

Report from City Clerk showing property sold to City Treasurer for taxes of 1869, assessed to Charles Tuxton, Hudson City Gas Company, and McPherson, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and ordered on file.

Official bonds of Frederick Clock as Pound-keeper, Matthew Telfer as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, Nicholas G. Vreeland as Surveyor in Bureau of Civil Engineering, was reported correct and drawn in legal form, and was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance, Commissioner Gregory stated that he wished to adjust the water account, and he would offer the following resolution:

Resolved. That a warrant be drawn on water account for fourteen thousand four hundred and fifty-one dollars and ten cents (\$14,451 10), being the amount due general account as shown by statement of Comptroller.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President pro tem., the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, June 7, 1872, the communication from the Pennsylvania Coal Co., setting forth that said Company have paid an assessment for an extension of Bay street sewer, that said sewer near the river has fallen in, and protesting against the payment of any further assessment for rebuilding, respectfully report that under the present charter no assessment can be levied for reconstructing said sewer or any other public sewer, yet it may become necessary to extend the outlet of this and all other sewers leading to tide water to be paid for by assessment along the line of each sewer.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT BUMSTED,
D. S. GREGORY, Jr.,
Committee.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received, and the action of the Committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessment, to which was referred, June 27, 1872, the communication from Wm. P. Douglass, attorney for John Patten, to have refunded purchase money paid by him at sale made May 26, 1856, for assessment for filling Grand street, from Jersey avenue to Mill Creek, respectfully report that your Honorable Body have no official knowledge of the result of the cause recently pending in the Supreme Court concerning the validity of said assessment, and therefore respectfully recommend that the matter be referred to the City Attorney, with a request that he report to the Board, the result of the suits lately pending, concerning sales made May 26, 1856, and October 13, 1853, for Grand street filling, and what action is necessary to be taken concerning encroachment of sales and refunding purchase money. Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT BUMSTED,
D. S. GREGORY, Jr.,
Committee.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, June 27, 1872, the petition of the pastor and consistory of Second Reformed (German Church), for relief from payment of assessment for flagging Montgomery avenue, and which was asked for in a former petition respectfully report that your honorable body, under the charter, does not possess the power to remit any assessment for improvement, whether levied on property of a church or a private citizen, and therefore report adverse to granting the prayer of the petition.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received, and the action of the Committee confirmed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in anticipation of the collection of taxes for 1872-73, for the purpose of defraying current expenses, including interest for the month of July.

Mayor O'Neill amended the resolution by making it read, "That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow money, such times and to such amounts as the necessities of the case may require."

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the resolution as amended was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to issue and sell one hundred thousand dollars in bonds, bearing date July 1, 1872, at twenty years, under Section 71, to be denominated "Improvement Bonds for the Construction of Public Buildings."

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the resolution was laid on the table.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to issue and sell one hundred thousand dollars in bonds, under section 71, for reconstruction of streets and sewers; said bonds to be dated July 1, 1872, and to run 20 years, to repay assessment account. The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the resolution was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Bumsted and Gregory. Nays—President Pritchard and Mayor O'Neill.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That all receiving officers be and are hereby directed to pay over all monies collected by them to the City Treasurer before 1 o'clock p. m. daily.

By President Pritchard:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Board at the regular meeting held June 7, 1872, increasing the pay of the Clerks to Collector, and Comptroller

and Peter J. Hanley, messenger and page, bear dates from June 1, 1872, and that warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. C. Hamilton for \$50, Wm. Stevens \$183 33, and Peter J. Hanley \$17, (seventeen dollars,) being amount of increase due those officers from June 1, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Bumsted and adopted:

Resolved, That the Special Committee on City Hall are hereby empowered to purchase a carpet for the Collector's office at an expense not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That the Registrar be requested to transfer from water account to general account the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying interest due July 1, 1872, as a temporary loan.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the Board do now take up and consider the newspaper business.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the American Standard, Evening Journal and Watch on the Hudson, were designated the official papers until further notice.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the Board went into an election for City Attorney, Commissioner Gregory nominated W. A. Lewis. Mayor O'Neill nominated Jacob Weart, Commissioner Bumsted acting as teller.

First ballot—Wm. A. Lewis, 3 votes; Jacob Weart, 1 vote.

Whereupon Wm. A. Lewis was elected City Attorney.

Commissioner Gregory moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to Monday, July 8th, 1872, at two o'clock p. m.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted the annual estimates for the different Boards of the City Government were then taken up.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted \$1,000 for contingent expenses in Board of Aldermen was stricken out, and stationery and supplies made \$4,000 instead of \$3,500, making a total of \$35,000.

Commissioner Gregory moved that this estimate of the Board of Aldermen as thus corrected do now pass.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted the item in salaries for the Board of Education was made \$175,000 instead of \$183,000, making the totals for that Board \$227,000.

Commissioner Gregory moved that the annual estimate for the Board of Education, as thus corrected, do now pass.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Bumsted, and adopted;

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



An adjourned regular meeting of the Board
of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City
Hall, Monday, July 8, 1872, at 2 o'clock, p. m.
Present—Commissioner Pritchard.
Absent—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill,

Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.
Less than a quorum being present the meet-
ing was adjourned to Thursday, July 11, 1872.
ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, July 11, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—President Gillett and Commissioner Pritchard.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, Commissioner Gregory was appointed President pro tem.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from A. Gross & Co. paying under protest for extension of Sewer in Bay street, and notifying the Board where a check for that purpose is awaiting acceptance, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the balance in the Bank for the week ending Thursday, July 11th, 1872, to be as follows:

Balance Hudson County National Bank General account.....	\$ -----
Balance Hudson County National Bank Water Account.....	268,692 02
Balance Hudson County National Bank Sinking Fund Account.....	20,745.18

Total.....\$289,437.20

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending July 11, 1872, was received and filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reports from Committee on Taxation and Assessments:

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments respectfully report that at the last regular meeting they presented an adverse report on a petition of George P. Simonson to have refunded, water rents erroneously assessed and paid, for the reason that no receipt was offered, since that time Mr. Simpson has produced a receipt which, upon investigation by Mr. G. B. Smith, water assessor, proves the payment of water rents levied in error.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report of the Committee was received and the whole matter was referred to the Water Registrar.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred June 13, 1872, the petition of Edward Evans for cancellation of sale of his property for water rents of 1870, and the privilege of paying the said water rents without any penalty, respectfully report that from information received from the Hon. George H. Farrier, who was Chairman of this Committee during the past year, it appears that last February Mr. Evans communicated to this Board and petitioned for correction of assessment for water rents of 1870, the property being then advertised for sale. Mr. Farrier corrected the bill for Mr. Evans, and notified him to call,

get the bill, and pay the water rents. This Mr. Evans failed to do, and did not call for his bill for over three months; in the meantime the property was sold. The penalty was not stricken off, that being a matter over which the Board had no control.

The statement made in the communication annexed and endorsement on copy of bill, are erroneous, and calculated to mislead and deceive. If Mr. Evans had attended promptly to his own business much trouble would have been saved to himself as well as your committee.

The property of Mr. Evans having been sold March 13, 1872, for water rents of 1870, he will have to redeem in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT BUMSTED,

D. S. GREGORY, JR.,

Committee.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report of the committee was received and their action confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John W. Harrison, \$270 55, for stationery, &c., was, on motion, referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the City Treasurer for one hundred and ten thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from water account to general account for the payment of interest due July 1, 1872, and to be considered as a temporary loan.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted July 5, 1872, authorizing the Register to transfer said amount, be rescinded.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be authorized to appoint an additional clerk in his office, at a salary not exceeding the rate of \$1,500 per annum, was, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Whereas, There has been advanced from general account the sum of sixty-seven thousand dollars; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to issue and sell one hundred thousand dollars in bonds, either coupon or registered, said bonds bearing date July 1, 1872, and to run twenty years, and to be issued under section 71 of the city charter, and denominated Improvement Bonds for the Construction of Public Buildings, said bonds to be sold at par and interest.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Absent—President Gillett and Commissioner Pritchard.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

Resolved, That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, July 18, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, they were approved as printed.

PRESIDENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from City Treasurer in relation to the safe keeping of the sinking fund bonds, and declining to assume any longer the entire risk, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Finance.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of John W. Harrison \$270 55 for stationery, &c., &c., and Pangborn, Dunning & Dear (\$69) sixty-nine dollars for printing having been audited by the Committee and found correct, were, on motion, received and ordered paid.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the books for the week, ending Thursday, 18, 1872:

Balance Hudson Co. National Bank, general account.....	\$101,765 10
Balance Hudson County National Bank, water account.....	\$75,625 35
Balance Hudson County National Bank, sinking fund account.....	21,716 18

Total..... \$199,146 63

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending July 18, 1872, was received and filed.

A certified copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Public Works July 9, 1872, and approved by His Honor the Mayor, July 12, 1872, was received, read and ordered on file.

Official bond of Henry Knapp, Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance.—Commissioners Gregory reported that \$100,000 in bonds would be ready by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, and he would like to have some instruction in regard to the sale of bonds, price etc., but in this connection he would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to sell the remainder of the bonds authorized to be issued July 11, 1872, at par and interest less one per cent.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted. Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred the petition of H. M. Thiabagen for relief from payment of assessment for an intersection in improvement of Erie street, presented their report, which was received, read and re-committed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred July 11, 1872, communication from A. Gross & Co., in relation to an assessment for sewer in Bay street, was ordered on file; but was reconsidered, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill, the Clerk was authorized to respectfully return it to its author.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Bumsted and adopted:

Resolved, That A. L. Sears, a clerk now employed in Collector's office, and lately at work in office of Water Registrar, be transferred to the office of the City Clerk.

By Mayor O'Neill:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John W. Harrison, \$270 55, for stationery, etc., and Pangborn, Lunning & Dear, \$69, for printing.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the Board now take up and consider the tax levy for 1872 and 1873.

The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Gillett moved That a deficiency of \$9,625 be inserted in the Board of Police Commissioners' estimates, and that the total for that department be fixed at \$260,000. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Gregory moved that \$2,200 be inserted in estimate for the Board of Fire Commissioners for a new truck. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the total for the Board of Fire Commissioners was made \$143,700.

On motion of President Gillett, the sum of \$3,000 was added to public buildings, grounds and parks, said sum being necessary for the repair and painting of City Hall, making the sum \$28,000 instead of \$25,000; and also to add \$1,000 to Attorney's fees, making it \$3,000 instead of \$2,000.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the total estimate for the Board of Public Works was made \$355,000.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, \$65,000 was the sum designated for salaries in the estimate for the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Mayor O'Neill moved that \$20,000 be inserted for same Board for printing and stationery. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Blomsted moved that \$5,000 be inserted in the estimate for the Board of Finance and Taxation for coal, wood, fuel, supplies, &c. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the total estimate for the Board of Finance and Taxation was fixed at \$425,182 81.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the resolution and final estimate of the different Boards, as corrected, for the years 1872 and 1873, was then read, and were as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation, having considered the estimates and recommendations of the several Boards of the city government, do hereby fix the amount to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present fiscal year, for the various purposes hereinafter named, at the aggregate sum of one million four hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred and eighty-two dollars and eighty-one cents (\$1,445,882 81) as follows:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

For support of out-door poor.....	\$20,000 00
For legal expenses.....	500 00
For printing.....	5,500 00
For naming of streets and renumbering of houses.....	1,500 00
For rent of armories and furnishing	3,500 00
For stationery and supplies.....	4,000 00

Total..... \$35,000 00

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

For Police Department, &c.,.....	\$190,000 00
For Hospitals Health and Dispensaries.....	40,000 00
For Elections.....	12,000 00
For Deficiency.....	9,625 00
For Police Justices.....	6,200 00
For special appropriation for sewers.....	2,175 00

Total..... \$260,000 00

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

For salaries.....	\$98,800 00
For horse shoeing.....	1,200 00
For repairs to apparatus.....	5,000 00
For horse feed.....	7,000 00
For gas.....	1,500 00
For coal and wood.....	2,000 00
For new apparatus.....	6,700 00
For horses.....	1,500 00

For stationery and printing.....	350 00
For hose repairs and new hose (92 lengths, 4,500 feet).....	6,000 00
For telegraph and supplies.....	2,000 00
For supplies to companies.....	3,500 00
For repairing front, Engine house No. 1, Warren street.....	1,500 00
For altine No. 8 Engine house.....	500 00
For new truck.....	2,200 00
For Bureau of Combustibles.....	1,000 00
For repairs to buildings.....	6,000 00
For expenses headquarters—running expenses.....	448 50
Total.....	\$147,198 50
Less cash paid for sale of personal property.....	3,498 50
Total.....	\$143,700 00

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

For salaries.....	\$175,000 00
For evening schools.....	10,000 00
For books and stationery.....	15,000 00
For furniture.....	6,500 00
For census.....	1,500 00
For printing and incidentals.....	3,500 00
For pianos, music and teaching.....	3,000 00
For normal schools.....	1,500 00
For janitors supplies.....	2,500 00
For fuel and gas.....	6,000 00
For rentals.....	2,500 00
Total.....	\$227,000 00

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

For streets and sewers.....	\$75,000 00
For Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, salaries.....	22,000 00
For public buildings, grounds and parks.....	28,000 00

For new stables.....	8,500 00
For ground rear of Engine House No. 1.....	1,500 00
For Board of Education for addition to school houses.....	34,000 00
For printing and stationery.....	5,000 00
For bridges.....	3,000 00
For lamps and lights.....	175,000 00
For attorney's fees.....	3,000 00

Total.....\$335,000 00

BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION.

For payment of interest and bonds.....	\$335,182 81
For salaries.....	65,000 00
For printing and stationery.....	20,000 00
For coal, wood, fuel, supplies, &c., &c.....	5,000 00

Total.....\$425,182 81

RECAPITULATION.

For Board of Aldermen.....	\$35,000 00
For Board of Police Commissioners.....	260,000 00
For Board of Fire Commissioners.....	143,700 00
For Board of Education.....	227,000 00
For Board of Public Works.....	355,000 00
For Board of Finance and Taxation.....	425,182 81

Total.....1,445,882 81

Mayor O'Neill moved that the resolution just read, fixing the estimates of the different Boards, do now pass.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted. Nays—None. Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted, That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, July 25, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Comptroller in relation to the transfer of balances of last year's appropriations to the current year, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and filed.

Communication from City Registrar relative to an interest coupon due July, 1872, on bond No. 1,282 Jersey City Water Loan, remains unsigned, and requesting the Board to delegate power to the proper party to sign it, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory referred to the Board of Public Works, requesting them to inquire into and have the same properly signed.

Communication from G. P. Robinson, Secretary to the Board of Assessors, requesting six copies of the Jersey City Directory of 1872, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory received and filed.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County Bank for the week ending Thursday, July 25, 1872:

Balance in Hudson County National Bank, general account.....	\$37,871 48
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, water account.....	61,685 88
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, sinking fund.....	24,230 00

Total.....\$123,787 36
On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received and ordered on file.

Official bond of Henry Knoop, inspector of scales, weights and measures, having been referred to the Committee on Finance and found correct, was, on motion, received and filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory, on the part of the Committee on Finance, reported that a preference had been shown for registered bonds, and he would report the sale of \$11,000 at par and interest, and \$0,000 at par interest, less one per cent. commission, and it was his intention to borrow \$100,000 to go to general account. He would also report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow \$100,000 in anticipation of the collection of assessment for improvements in progress, said loan to be for six months, as provided for in section 132 of the city charter.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of G. P. Robinson, \$58.35, for recording births, deaths and marriages in the Fourth Aldermanic District; and Henry Thompson, \$101.80, for carpets and oil-cloth for City Hall, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Commissioner Bumsted moved to reconsider the motion by which the claim of Henry Thompson had been referred to the Committee on Claims.

The motion was adopted.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS BY RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Bumsted as a Special Committee on City Hall reported the claim of Henry Thompson correct, and offered the following resolution;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Thompson for \$101.80 for carpets and oil-cloth for City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The President stated that he had received a complaint from the Assessor of the First Aldermanic District in regard to the inattention to business of his assistant—Mr. Jones.

Commissioner Gregory moved his name be stricken off the list of Assistant Assessors. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Gregory nominated C. H. Benson for Assistant Assessor First Aldermanic District, vice Wm. L. Jones removed.

Commissioner Bumsted moved the Board go into a ballot for Assistant Assessor First Aldermanic District. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Bumsted was appointed teller.

C. H. Benson, three votes; three ballots cast.

Whereupon C. H. Benson was declared elected Assistant Assessor for the First Aldermanic District.

Commissioner Gregory moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from this date on Thursday, August 8, 1872. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery are hereby requested to purchase six copies of the latest Jersey City Directory for the use of the Assessors.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to transfer all balances of last year's appropriations to their respective accounts on this year's appropriation, thereby reducing the amount to be raised by taxation for the year by such amounts.

By Commissioner Bumsted:

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby directed to report to this Board, a full and correct list of all property on which assessments for street and sewer improvements were due and unpaid, prior to the first day of January, 1872, except assessments on which five years are allowed for payment, to the end that this Board may order and direct the advertisement and sale of said property, in the manner defined by law.

Commissioner Gregory moved the matter lay on the table until the City Attorney can be consulted.

The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the payments of salaries when due, of the Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different officers and clerks under the control of this Board for the month of July, 1872, for the following amounts, viz: Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; E. A. Carman, \$333 23, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Horablowe, \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon, \$40 35, five days salary as City Attorney; William A. Lewis, \$209 60 salary as City Attorney for 26 days; Robert Hutson, \$133 33, salary as clerk to the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation; Wm. Stevens \$183 33 salary as clerk to the Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton, \$200 salary as clerk to the City Collector; Justus Slater \$125 salary as assessment clerk in Collector's office; John Crech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Weston Halsey, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Martin Finck, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Andrew D. White, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; N. E. Feury, \$100, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; A. D. Sears, \$32 20, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office, from July 23 to 31, inclusive; Peter J. Hanly, \$75, salary as City Hall Messenger and Page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, and Board of Police Commissioners; Mary Liston, \$36, and Ann Norton, \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; and the Assessors and Assistant Assessors for the following amounts: Samuel Pearson, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, First District; P. H. Laverty, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Second District; Joseph Acton, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Third District; G. P. Robinson, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Fourth District; James M. Newkirk, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Fifth District; A. A. Woodward, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Sixth District; James L. Spencer, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor, Second District; S. W. Stilsing, \$66 66, Assistant

Assessor, Third District; John K. Martin, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor, Fourth District; Theo. Merseles, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor, Fifth District; Nicholas Werther, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor, Sixth District; and the official newspapers for the following amounts: American Standard, printing minutes, \$250; Evening Journal, Printing minutes, \$250.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Bumsted, and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at the rooms of the Fire Commissioners, Thursday, August 15, 1872, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted. Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Wm. L. Jones, in relation to the action of the Assessor, in complaining to this Board about his absence, &c., was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and laid on the table.

Petition of Roemelt & Leichts, Phil. Kaiser, George Spalt and others, in vicinity of Mountain Road (Fourth Aldermanic District), asking the Board to order the area of assessment extended west to the west side or slope of the hill, and northerly and southerly for a distance of at least 3,000 feet, so that those property owners who will use the said road may be made to pay their fair share and proportion of the benefit, was, on motion referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition from D. W. Stone to have amount (\$12) of bill paid back to him, the same having been paid twice through mistake, was on motion of Commissioner Gregory referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from George Water calling attention to the fact that the duty of the assessment on Union street was erroneous on the bill, and requesting a warrant drawn for the difference or overcharge, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Application of Wm. L. Jones for an appointment as clerk in Collector's office was received and laid on the table.

Communication from Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney, for G. M. Vroom, in relation to an erroneous assessment, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the bank for the week ending Thursday, August 15, 1872:

Balance Hudson County National Bank, general account.....	\$14,611.88
Balance Hudson County National Bank, water account.....	21,927.19
Balance Hudson County National Bank, sinking fund account.....	29,631.68

Total..... \$156,170.66

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, it was received and ordered on file.

Official bonds of Henry Linsley as city auctioneer, reported on by the City Attorney as drawn in legal form, was received and referred to Committee on Finance. Report of the City Attorney in regard to the resolution presented last meeting in regard to sale of property, was received, read, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted ordered on file.

Report of the Water Registrar of receipts and expenditures on water account to July 1, 1872; also a statement of total receipts as shown by said Comptroller's report, together with amount of permit moneys received during year ending April 1, 1872; also receipts and expenditures since his appointment, was on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory reported the official bond of Ezra A. Carman as City Comptroller correct and legally drawn, was on motion of Commissioner Bumsted received and ordered on file.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the communication of the City Treasurer, regarding his inability to procure a receipt for the amount deposited in the sinking fund, would report,

That the cash of that account is deposited as so much money, and a book given therefor by the Hudson County National Bank, thereby acknowledging their responsibility for the amount so deposited.

The charter of this bank does not allow of their receiving for safety any articles of value, and they could not therefore receipt for the deposit of bonds.

The committee would recommend that the Treasurer hire a safe in some depository institution where there is a responsibility for the safe keeping of bonds, or such other securities as are comprised in the sinking fund.

Respectfully submitted.

D. S. GREGORY, JR.,

Chairman Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance also reported they had borrowed \$150,000, in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS.

Your Committee on Taxation and Assessments to whom was referred, July 5, 1872, the petition of M. Gogelien, to have refunded moneys paid for assessment on property of which he was not the owner, respectfully report that the error is entirely the fault of M. Gogelien in paying the money, and the payment by him was in fact and acknowledgment of the correctness of the assessment, and was binding on his part, and the acceptance by the city of the money completed the contract. No redress can be offered to the petitioner by your honorable body, and M. Gogelien must recover from the owner of the property on which the assessment was paid in error. Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT BUMSTED, Committee.

Commissioner Bumsted, Chairman of the Committee, also stated that he had consulted the City Attorney on this matter, and the following is his endorsement:

The assessment referred to was *in rem*, against the property and not against the person, and a person voluntarily paying off any such assessment cannot, as I understand the law, recover back the amount paid from the city. If he suffers, it is through his own negligence, not the city's fault. It is the duty of the authorities to take the money for an assessment from whomsoever offers it, and give receipt and enter payment in the books, and that ends the transaction, and is final, so far as the city is concerned.

WM. A. LEWIS, City Attorney.

Dated August 2, 1872.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was accepted and the action of the committee confirmed.

The report of the committee presented July 17, 1872, on petition of H. M. Traphagen for cancellation of assessment for intersection on property previously assessed for same purpose, and referred through the committee to the City Attorney, returned with the following endorsement:

Two assessments for the same improvement are warranted by the City Charter.

WM. A. LEWIS, City Attorney.

Dated August 7, 1872.

Was on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, referred back for further explanation.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Dixon and Collins, \$619 63; Samuel Pearson, \$49 45; Wm. Murray, \$8 for tin box; P. H. Lavery, \$23 55; Joseph A. Coon, \$42 50; S. Walter, \$5.00 was on motion referred to Committee on Claims.

Claim of Levi W. Post, \$75, for preparing copies of city maps, was on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Gillett:

Whereas, It is known to this Board in common with the public that a dispute exists in reference to the right of Ezekiel M. Pritchard, Thomas Edmonson, Frederick A. Goetze and Thomas A. Gross to retain the office of Police Commissioners of Jersey City; and

Whereas, The City Attorney has, in a recently published opinion, decided that they have such right; and

Whereas, In the management of the finances of the city it is necessary that certain of the city officials should recognize some Board of Police Commissioners as the Board authorized to direct the payment of the public moneys out of the city treasury, and it is proper that in so doing they should have the sanction of this Board under the guidance of the City Attorney as to disputed questions of law; and,

Whereas, the above named gentlemen have, with the Mayor and Jacob Z. Marinus, constituted the Board of Police Commissioners for some months past, and still do exercise its functions, and their time of office have not yet expired, and in court of competent jurisdiction have adjudged that they are, or any of them, removed therefrom; therefore,

Resolved, That in all matters pertaining to the finances of the city, the Mayor is hereby requested, and the City Clerk, City Comptroller, City Treasury and city depositories are hereby directed to recognize Ezekiel M. Pritchard Thomas Edmondson, Frederick A. Goetze, A. Gross and Jacob Z. Marinus with the Mayor ex-officio, and no other persons as constituting the Board of Police Commissioners of Jersey City until the further order of this Board, and

Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to send to each of the said city officials a copy of these preambles and resolutions.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller transfer from general account to assessment account sixty thousand dollars in anticipation of the collection of assessments.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow, in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the general expenses of the city, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or any part thereof, in addition to the same amount previously authorized, and that bonds be ordered in blank to be used in negotiating such loans.

The ayes and nays having been called for the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of J. V. B. Vreeland, Registrar, for one hundred and ten thousand dollars, being the amount borrowed from Water Account, July 25, 1872, and transferred to general account of the city.

The ayes and nays having been called for the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of J. V. B. Vreeland, Registrar, for thirteen hundred and twenty-eight (16-190) dollars, being amount due water account for redemption of property for water rents as per statement herewith.

The ayes and nays having been called for the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to regulate by ordinance the duties of assistant to the City Collector with a view to giving authority to such officer to sign for the Collector in the absence of the latter.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsied, the resolution was referred to the City Attorney.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That Committee on Finance be authorized to issue and sell one hundred thousand dollars in bonds under section 71, for reconstruction of streets and sewers; said bonds to dated Sept. 1, 1872, and to run 20 years, to repay assessment account at a rate not less than par, and interest less than one per cent.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By President Gillett and adopted:

Resolved, That the Collector of Taxes be authorized to receive from Daniel Toiffey in full payment of taxes of 1869 on his property in the Second Ward of the former city of Hudson, the following amounts with interest thereon at the rate of twelve per cent per annum from Dec. 20, 1869.

Block 174, plot 7, lots 1 to 4 inc. and 9 to 25 inc.	\$94 92
Block 174, plot 8, lots 1 to 8 inc. and 17 to 24 inc. and 43 to 46 inc.	97 60
Block 240, plot 10, lots 1 to 7 inc. and 16 to 22 inc.	57 96
Block 240, plot 11, lots 3 to 12 inc. and 14 to 16 inc.	71 89

Resolved, That upon the payment of said moneys to the Collector, the City Clerk is hereby directed to cancel of record the sale made March 13, 1872, to the City Treasurer, of the following described property for taxes of 1869:

McPherson Block, 174, plot 7, lots 1 to 25.	
" " " " 8, lots 1 to 17.	
" " " " 8, lots 9 to 16.	
" " " " 10, lots 1 to 16.	
" " " " 10, lots 8, 9, 12 to 15.	
" " " " 11, lots 1 to 9.	
" " " " 11, lots 10 to 18.	

Commissioner Gregory moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from to-day—Aug. 29, 1872.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the Board then adjourned.

ROBT. HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, August 29, 1872, at two o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gregory they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from A. S. Jarvis, in regard to the interest to some sewer certificates was, on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from acting City Attorney Jonathan Dixon, enclosing a rule from Supreme Court, reducing the assessment levied by the former Water Commissioners against the Long Dock Co. for the construction of sewers in North Second, Third, Fourth, and North Fifth streets, Jersey City, and respectfully recommending the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby instructed to cancel the assessment against the Long Dock Co. and its property for construction of sewers in North Second street, North Third street, North Fourth street and North Fifth street, and Provost, between North Second street and North Fifth street, upon the said company's paying to the city the sum of four thousand one hundred and ninety-nine dollars sixty-four (\$4,199 64) with interest thereon at 7 per cent. per annum, from January 31, 1871, and the sum of eleven thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars and twenty-one cents (\$11,625 21), and the charter interest and penalties thereon, reckoned from the time when the special assessment against said company for said sewers became due, and the amount of the assessments made against the lots of said company for said sewers, with the usual charter, interest and penalties on the same.

Resolved, That a copy of the above be filed by the Clerk with the City Collector.

Commissioner Gregory moved the communication from the acting City Attorney be recorded, and the resolution do now pass. The motion was adopted.

Communication from the acting City Attorney, enclosing a resolution referred to him from last meeting, requesting the Board of Aldermen to regulate by ordinance the duties of assistant to the City Collector, with a view to giving authority to such officer to sign for the Collector in the absence of the latter. He would state that in his judgment the Board of Aldermen have no power to pass such an ordinance, and that to authorize the assistant to sign for the Collector in his absence, nothing more is needed than a power of attorney from the Collector to the assistant for that purpose, was, on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, received and placed on file.

Petition from Francis W. Coles for adjustment in amount total of his bill, and claiming that personal and State poll taxes are not a lien on property, was on motion of Commissioner Gregory referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the week ending Thursday, August 29, 1872, as follows:

Balance in Hudson County National Bank, General Account.....	\$ 100,384 90
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, Water Account.....	92,320 35
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, Sinking Fund Account.....	31,704 18

Total.....\$224,409 43
On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received and ordered on file.

A resolution was presented from the Board of Public Works requesting this Board to issue bonds to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars. In connection with this Commissioner Gregory offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Works passed August 27, 1872, the Committee on Finance be authorized to issue and sell five hundred thousand dollars in bonds under section 155, to be denominated water bonds, said bonds to bear date September 1, 1872, and to run thirty years.

Commissioner Gregory then stated he would amend this so as to read September 2, 1872, as he had since learned that the 1st of September fell on Sunday.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution as amended was passed by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Official bond of Joseph Warren as auctioneer, with William Kelly and Michael Brady as sureties, was on motion referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. FINANCE.

Commissioner Gregory reported that he had sold \$100,000 in bonds, dated August 1, 1872, at par interest less one per cent. commission, and he would also report the official bonds of Henry Linsley, as Jersey City auctioneer, correct and drawn in legal form.

Commissioner Bumsted moved that the report of the Committee be received and their action confirmed. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:
Resolved, That the Water Registrar be and is hereby directed to transfer on his books the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars from general water account, the account of expenditures under section 155 of the city charter, the same to be applied for the purpose of meeting payments falling due prior to the issuing of bonds under said section 155.

TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS.

Your Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of D. W. Stone to have refunded water rents, twice paid in error, which fact is certified to by J. V. B. Vreeland, Water Registrar, on bill hereto annexed, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of twelve dollars be paid to D. W. Stone, to refund water rents of 1872 and 1873, twice paid on parts 155 and 157 Grand street, in block 198, assessed to George Decker. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Your Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred August 15, 1872, the petition of G. M. Vroom, by Wm. Brinkerhoff, Esq., attorney, to have refunded assessments for extension of Jewett avenue, twice paid in error, respectfully report that upon reference to books of City Collector, the double payment is there shown, and your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

ROBERT BUMSTED,
D. S. GREGORY, JR.,
Committee.

Jersey City, August 29, 1872.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-one dollars and ninety-eight cents be paid to G. M. Vroom, to refund assessment for extension of Jewett avenue, on lots 71 and 72, block 286, paid July 19, 1872, the same having been previously paid, April 25, 1872, and that the Clerk notify the City Collector of the action of the Board.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

Your Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Georgie Walter, to have refunded water rents erroneously assessed, respectfully report that the bill has been examined by Mr. Smith, Assessor of Board of Public Works, and found to

have been erroneously assessed. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

ROBERT BUMSTED,
D. S. GREGORY,
Committee.

Jersey City, August 29, 1872.

Resolved, That the sum of two dollars and seventy-five cents be paid to Georgie Walter to refund water rents erroneously assessed from August 1, 1870, instead of from Nov. 1, 1870, to May 1, 1870, and penalty, on lot 17, Union street, in block 601, and that the Clerk make proper entry on the receipt.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Commissioner Bumsted moved that the resolution laid on the table at a previous meeting of the Board, and relating to the sale of property be now taken up.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted the resolution was amended by making it read "taxes and water rents," and as corrected, read as follows:

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby directed to report to this Board a full and correct list of all property on which Assessments for street and sewer improvements, as well as taxes and water rents were due and unpaid prior to the first day of January, 1872, except Assessments on which five years are allowed for payment, to the end that this Board may order and direct the advertisement and sale of said property, in the manner defined by law.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the resolution was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of A. A. Woodward \$20 10 for returns of Births, Marriages, and Deaths; and Lewis E. Wood \$12 00 for Desk for Comptroller's office, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Commissioner Bumsted moved the Board go into an election for Tax and Assessment Bill Distributor. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Bumsted nominated Jacob Emory.

Commissioner Gregory was appointed Teller.

Ballots cast, 3; Jacob Emory having received the whole number of votes cast was declared elected, Distributor of Tax and Assessment Bills.

Commissioner Gregory moved that the Committee on Taxation and Assessment be requested to inquire whether the taxes of 1869 had ever been paid by the Erie Railway.

The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the payments of salaries when due, of the Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different officers

and clerks under the control of this Board for the month of August, 1872, for the following amounts, viz.: Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; E. A. Carman, \$333 33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as City Treasurer; William A. Lewis, \$250, salary as City Attorney for 26 days; Robert Hutton, \$133 33, salary as clerk to the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation; Wm. Stevens, \$183 33, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton, \$200, salary as clerk to the City Collector; Justus Slater, \$125, salary as assessment clerk in Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Weston Halsey, \$100, salary as Clerk in Collector's office; Martin Finck, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Andrew D. White, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Jacob Emory, \$39 66, 12 day's salary as clerk in Collector's office; Thomas K. Halsted, \$125, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; N. E. Feury, \$100, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; A. D. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office from July 22 to 31, inclusive; Peter J. Harly, \$75, salary as City Hall Messenger and Page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, and Board of Police Commissioners; Mary Liston, \$36, and Ann Norton, \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; and the Assessors and Assistant Assessors for the following amounts: Samuel Pearson, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, First District; P. H. Lavery, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Second District; Joseph Acron, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Third District; G. P. Robinson, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Fourth District; James M. Newmark, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Fifth District; A. A. Woodward, \$133 33, salary as Assessor, Sixth District; C. H. Benson, \$77 46, Assistant Assessor, First District, 1 month and 5 days; Jas. L. Spencer, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor, Second District; S. W. Stilsing, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor, Third District; John K. Martin, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor, Fourth District; Theo. Merseles, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor, Fifth District; Nicholas Werther, \$66 66, Assistant Assessor, Sixth District; and the official newspapers for the following amounts: American Standard, printing minutes, \$250; Evening Journal, printing minutes, \$250; Watch on the Hudson, \$250, printing minutes.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Gregory moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from date, or Thursday afternoon, September 12, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBT. HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, September 12, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted. Absent—President Gillett and Commissioner Pritchard.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, Commissioner Gregory was elected President pro tem.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Aramintha Hunt that the sum of \$745, a assessment and interest, paid July 16, 1872, be refunded, having been twice paid, in error, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessment.

Petition of Russell H. Hoadley, by Mr. Malory, agent, stating that the bill of taxes against his property is incorrect, and submitting a corrected list, and requesting that the necessary correction be made, that the same may be paid and cancelled, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from F. G. Wetmore to remit two months' interest charged upon his assessment for the improvement of Wayne street, for the reason that his bill for the same was only mailed to him on the 10th inst., was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, with power to settle the matter after satisfactory inquiries.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National bank for the two weeks ending Thursday, September 12, 1872:

Balance to credit of general account.....	\$169,358 43
Balance to credit of general water account.....	73,417 43
Balance to credit of general sinking fund account.....	34,567 18
Total.....	\$277,343 04

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending September 12, 1872, was received and ordered on file.

The following certified copy of a resolution was received from the Board of Public Works:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be requested to pay the sum of twelve dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$12 78) to George P. Simonson to refund water rents of 1871 and back assessment from November 1, 1870, on lot No. 10 Harrison avenue, block 419, paid June 30, 1871, the said assessment being erroneous, there being no water pipe in that part of said avenue, was, on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, received and referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory reported in reference to a petition of Roumelt & Leicht that was referred to him at the last meeting; that it was his belief that it was not in the province of this Board to remedy this evil, and he would therefore move it be referred to the Board of Public Works. The motion was adopted.

He would also report on the communication of A. S. Jarvis in regard to interest on sewer improvement certificates, that when the certificates fell due the city was ready to pay, but they were not presented, and the Committee cannot see why Mr. Jarvis might not have held these certificates for two years and still claimed interest for the whole time, therefore, the Committee reported adversely. The report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

Committee on Finance, Commissioner Gregory, reported the official bonds of Joseph Warren, as auctioneer, correct, and drawn in legal form. On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the report was received, and the bond ordered on file.

He would also offer the following resolution: Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby directed to sign water loan coupon No. 1282, due July, 1872, and held by Hudson County National Bank, the same having been omitted by being signed at time of issue of water loan bond No. 1282. The resolution was adopted.

He also reported the receipts from the Collector and Water Registrar for the last two weeks, ending September 12, 1872, as follows: Taxes, \$3,779 47; assessments, \$17,036 52, and water rents, \$3,332 51.

In regard to tax on Erie he reported the case in Court, and the result would soon be known.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the clerk was directed to request Commissioner Pritchard to forward to this board all the claims now in his possession relating to this board.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the rules were suspended.

And a petition was presented from John G. Haybeck, in relation to sewer in Morgan street, and asking for reduction of assessment, was on motion referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Charles Scott \$59 36 for carpentering in City Hall was referred to the Special Committee.

Mayor O'Neill moved that when this Board shall adjourn, it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from this date. The motion was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, in the Mayor's office, City Hall, Thursday, September 26, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gullitt, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gregory, Pritchard and Bumsted.

Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition of August Maddalongo to have penalty remitted from assessment for improvement of Gardner avenue, from Monticello to Palisade avenue, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from Samuel Hemmingsway in regard to error in water rents on lots parts of 159, 171 Grand street, block 189, was received, and on motion referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from Michael Dosson, surety on the bond of Frederick Gloek, poundmaster, respectfully declining to further continue as such surety, was on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from City Collector, James H. Love, enclosing a summons issued by the Supreme Court, at the suit of Julius George Kahl, on a plea of trespass on the case to his damage of \$3,500, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to City Attorney.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Levi W. Post, \$75, for repairing copies of city map; Charles Scott, \$59.36, for making boxes, platform, &c., was, on motion, received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the two weeks ending Sept. 26, 1872:

Balance, credit, general account.....	\$128,865 17
Balance Water account	30,487 71
Balance Sinking fund account	35,750 37

Total.....\$195,112 25

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report was received and ordered on file.

Commissioner Gregory submitted a letter from the City Attorney in answer to a question, viz: At what time are the Assessors obliged to make their returns to the Board; the letter having been read, Mayor O'Neill moved that the Clerk of this Board be directed to request the Assessors to present their books for confirmation forthwith. The motion was adopted.

A certified copy of a resolution from the Board of Public Works, was presented and read as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be requested to issue bonds in accordance with section 130 of the City Charter for the purpose of paying awards amounting to thirteen thousand and six hundred and thirty-four dollars and three cents for lands taken and damages awarded for the widening of Newark avenue.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the resolution be received and adopted.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The petition of Rommelt & Leicht and others, in regard to Mountain Road assessment presented to the Board of Public Works Sept. 12, 1872, was returned, and referred to the Special Committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Finance Committee and President of the Board.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance reported the recitals from water rents, assessments, &c., and indebtedness to November 1, 1872, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of J. V. B. Vreeland, Water Registrar, for sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for a temporary loan to water account, to meet payment of principal and interest on water bonds falling due Oct. 1, 1872, and also for the payment of claims and salaries falling due.

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be and is hereby authorized to transfer on his books from general water account to the account of expenditures under section 155, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to meet payments falling due under said section prior to sale of bonds under said section.

Ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

Resolved, That the pay of distributor of tax and assessment bills be \$5 per day for time employed.

Your Committee on Taxation and Assessment to which was referred September 26, 1872, the petition of John G. Haybeck for reduction of assessment on his property corner of Morgan and Prospect streets, respectfully report that your committee have examined into the matter and can find no record of payment on this property in 1859 for sewer assessment. The matter of amount of assessment is beyond the province of this Board; any objection should have been made before confirmation of assessment by Board of Public Works. As to the number of houses on land of petitioner, this is a matter which does not concern the assessment. The assessment on sewer is levied on land drained thereby and not on buildings.

Your committee would therefore respectfully ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the petition. Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT BUMSTED,

D. S. GREGORY, JR.,

Committee on Taxation and Assessment.

Jersey City, Sept. 26, 1872.

Mayor O'Neill stated that it was something unusual for a committee of this kind to ask to be discharged, and moved that the two last lines in reference thereto be stricken out. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report of the Committee as thus amended by the Mayor was received, and their action confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, September 12, 1872, the petition of F. G. Wetmore, for remission of interest on assessment for improvement of Wayne street, respectfully report that by the opinion of the City Attorney hereto annexed, your Honorable Body have no power in the premises. Mr. Wetmore must pay the bill.

ROBERT BUMSTED, D. S. GREGORY, JR.,

Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Jersey City, September 26, 1872.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the opinion of the City Attorney was read and the report of the Committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, September 12, 1872, the petition of Mrs. A. Hunt, to have refunded an assessment twice paid, respectfully report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$7.45 be paid to Annantha Hunt to refund assessment twice paid July 16, 1872, on lot 18 in block 16, for improvement of West Grand street, piles, foundation, the said assessment having been previously paid April 24, 1872, and that the Collector be notified of this action of the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred, September 12, 1872, the communication from R. H. Hoadley by J. F. Mallory, agent, for correction of tax

bills for 1871, and submitting list of property owned by him, respectfully reported that no action was necessary by the Board, application at the Collector's office on the part of either of the above gentlemen will secure bills on just such lots as either of them may be willing to pay for.

On motion the report was received and action of the Committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred August 29, 1872, the petition to pay taxes on property sold March 13, 1872, and in which are included taxes on personal property, respectfully report that the sale is erroneous and that property cannot be sold for taxes on personal property.

By the advice of Mr. Dixon, acting for W. A. Lewis, City Attorney, your committee report the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be instructed to cancel the sales of parts of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 North Second street, in block No. 394, for taxes of 1869 and 1870, assessed to H. Weitowski, on the payment to the City Collector of the sum of \$67.60 with interest, advertising, and costs for sale for taxes of 1869, and the sum of \$49.35 with interest, advertising, and costs for sale for taxes of 1870.

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive the sum of \$74.48 with interest and penalties, in payment of taxes of 1871 on said property.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolutions were adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Pritchard, on the part of the Committee on Claims, stated he received the Clerk's letter in regard to claims in his possession, but had overlooked some of them he thought, but would be ready at the next meeting, either to submit them or bring them himself.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Earle & Brown, \$24, for shovels and brushes for City Hall, was, on motion, referred to special Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to anticipate payment of the certificates in the sinking fund, dated Oct 17, amounting to \$32,000, and also purchase with the proceeds, as well as with the cash in said sinking fund, 30 year water bonds, dated Sept. 2d, at par and interest.

By Commissioner Gregory.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Levi W. Post for copies of city maps for \$75, Charles Scott \$59.36 for making boxes, platforms and repairs to desks.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Mayor O'Neill moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from date. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries when due, of the Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different officers and clerks under the control of this Board for the month of September, 1872, for the following amounts, viz.: Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; E. A. Carman, \$333.33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as City Treasurer; William A. Lewis, \$250, salary as City Attorney; Robert Hutton, \$133.32, salary as clerk to the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation; Wm. Stevens, \$133.33, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton, \$300, salary as clerk to the City Collector; Justus Slater, \$125, salary as assessment clerk in Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Weston Halsey, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Martin Fluck, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Andrew D. White, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Jacob Emory, \$75, 25 days salary as clerk in Collector's office; Thomas K. Halsted, \$125, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; N. E. Feury, \$500, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; A. D. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanly, \$75, salary as City Hall Messenger; and Page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, and Board of Police Commissioners; Mary Liston, \$36, and Ann Norton, \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; and the Assessors and Assistant Assessors: for the following amounts: Samuel Pearson, \$133.33, salary as Assessor, First District; r. H. Lavery, \$136.33, salary as Assessor, Second District; Joseph Acton, \$133.33, salary as Assessor, Third District; G. P. Robinson, \$33.33, salary as Assessor, Fourth District; James M. Newalk, \$133.33, salary as Assessor, Fifth District; A. A. Woodward, \$133.33, salary as Assessor, Sixth District; C. H. Benson, \$66.66, Assistant Assessor, First District; Jas. L. Spencer, \$66.66, Assistant Assessor Second District; S. W. Stissing, \$66.66, Assistant Assessor, Third District; John K. Martin, \$66.66, Assistant Assessor, Fourth District; Theo. Merseles, \$66.66, Assistant Assessor, Fifth District; Nicholas Werber, \$66.66, Assistant Assessor, Sixth District; and the official newspapers for the following amounts: American Standard, printing minutes, \$250; Evening Journal, printing minutes, \$250; Watch on the Hudson, \$250, printing minutes.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory, Pritchard and Bunsted. Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

By Mayor O'Neill, and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn,

ROBERT HUTTO, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, October 10, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the clerk.

Present at roll call—Commissioners Pritchard and Bumsted. Absent—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, and Commissioner Gregory.

Less than a quorum being present, the meeting was adjourned until Thursday next, at 2 o'clock p. m.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, October 17, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gregory they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Communications from Wm. Robertson and Wm. Bumsted per J. Bridgart, in relation to water rents on block 282, lot 126 and lot 125, having been paid twice in error, and asking that the same may be refunded, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from John P. Durbin, relative to the exchange of coupon seven percent water bonds, now in his possession, for a like number of registered bonds, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Commissioner Gregory submitted a communication from the Jersey City Insurance Company, relative to the settlement of taxes against that Company for the years 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871. The communication was received and read.

Commissioner Gregory moved the communication be referred to the Committee on Finance with power to report at this meeting. The motion was adopted.

Petition from Charles Drion, relative to error in the payment of water rents, claiming that the same had been paid twice, was on motion referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from Commissioners of Assessments per Stephen Quailie, Acct. of Assessments, requesting the Board to have the amounts set opposite the following names cancelled, and charged to the reconstruction account, as the intersection was once paved with cobble stone and paid for by the property owners, was on motion referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Clerk of this Board reported that the Second District tax books was delivered to him September 30, 1872, at two o'clock p. m., First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts, October 2, at nine o'clock a. m., and the Third District October 9, at a quarter past one o'clock p. m.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received and ordered on file.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank, for the week ending Thursday, October 17, 1872, as follows:

Balance to General Account.....	\$14,050 18
Balance to Water Account	15,763 03
Balance to Sinking Fund Account.....	3,248 37

Total.....\$33,061 58

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received and ordered on file.

The Treasurer reported that the water bonds purchased by the Finance Committee, and numbered from 36 to 70, inclusiv., for \$1,000 each. Total, \$35,000—as an investment on account of Sinking Fund—had been endorsed by him as Treasurer, payable to the order of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, and placed in charge of the Hudson County National Bank, October 1, 1872, subject to order of Commissioners of Sinking Fund—was on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending October 17, 1872, was received and ordered on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Committee on Finance reported the sale of \$104,000 of bonds to different parties, and the exchange of others, &c., &c.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the report was received, and the action of the committee confirmed.

Commissioner Gregory presented a communication from the City Attorney, relative to the communication from the Jersey City Insurance Company, in the matter of exceptions claimed for a assessment and tax by that company, and that was referred to the Committee on Finance in the earlier part of the meeting. The communication was read, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, it was referred to the Finance Committee for adjustment.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred September 26, 1872, the petition of Samuel Hemingway to have water rents paid by him on lot not belonging to him transferred to a lot owned by him, both lots being in same block and fronting on same street, respectfully report that in the opinion of the City Attorney the city had fulfilled its part by collecting the water rents, and your honorable body have no further control. Mr. Hemingway should have examined the bill before payment, it was his duty for his own protection and not the fault of the receiver.

Your committee therefore report adverse to any proceeding in the matter.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT HUMSTED,

D. S. GREGORY, JR.,

Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of J. W. Harrison \$506 55 and Jordan Brothers \$516, was referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claims of James M. Newkirk \$22 55, for registering births, marriages and deaths, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Claims.

Claim of Pangborn, Dunning & Deat, \$196 50, for job printing, was referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Commissioner Gregory returned the petition of Komell & Leicht on the Mountain road and submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation are of the opinion that the assessment for the improvement of the Mountain road should be laid upon the property benefitted in proportion to the benefit received, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter in sec. 51, and that the Clerk of this Board be authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board of Public Works and to the Commissioners of Assessments. The resolution was adopted:

By Commissioner Bumsted and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Taxation and Assessments are hereby authorized to employ such necessary clerical assistants to the City Collector as he may require in making out tax bills.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That the tax list as now filed by the assessors, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

By President Gillett:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to give notice in the official newspapers of this city that the Assessors books were completed, and will be open for inspection at the office of the City Clerk, in the City Hall, for the space of thirty days, from October 17, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Bumsted moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet on Thursday, October 31, at 2 o'clock p. m., or two weeks from date.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms City Hall, Wednesday, October 23, 1872, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett and Commissioner Gregory.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard and Bumsted.

Less than a quorum being present, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday October 31, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from S. B. Ransom, notifying the Board that the payment of \$100 on the part of the City will prevent any further proceedings in the matter of Leonard Gordon and the city.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the communication was laid upon the table.

Communication from G. P. Robinson, Secretary to the Board of Assessors, in relation to their bills for registering births, deaths and marriages, was, on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, received and ordered on file.

Communication from Wm. L. Jones in relation to salary for July, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to Committee on Salaries.

AUDITING CLAIMS.

Claims of Samuel Pearson, forty-nine dollars and forty-five cents for registering births, marriages and deaths; P. H. Lavery, twenty-three dollars and fifty-five cents for registering births, marriages and deaths; Joseph Acton, forty-two dollars and fifty cents for registering births, marriages and deaths; G. P. Robinson, fifty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents for registering births, marriages and deaths; J. M. Newkirk, twenty-two dollars and fifty-five cents for registering births, marriages and deaths; A. A. Woodward, twenty dollars and ten cents for registering births, marriages and deaths; Lewis E. Wood, twelve dollars for desk in Comptroller's office; John W. Harrison, \$45 70; John W. Harrison, \$27 15; Charlie & Brown, \$4 shades for City Hall; William Murray, \$8 for one tin box; A. Walter, \$3 for repairing clock.

The above claims having been audited by their respective Committees and found correct, Commissioner Pritchard moved that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the above parties, and for said amounts.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—all the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the two week's ending Thu. day, October 31st, 1872, as follows:

Balance on dit general account.....	\$13,770 10
Balance credit water account.....	10,750 00
Sinking fund account.....	6,329 38

Total.....\$30,759 97

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the report was received and ordered on file.

The Treasurer reported receipts from taxes, assessments and water rents for the two weeks ending October 31, 1872, as follows: Taxes, \$ 2,553; assessments, \$8,106 07; water rents, \$2,086 39.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the two weeks ending October 31, 1872, was, on motion, received and filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance submitted a report, which was read, relative to the Assessment on the Jersey City Insurance Company.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the whole matter was laid on the table.

Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, October 17, 1872, the petition of John R. Durbin, asking that certain bones of the city, held by him, might be put in such shape that, in the

event of their loss, he might be secured, would respectfully report that they can see no way to accommodate Mr. Durbin except to injoinse them as payable to his order.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the report was received, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Jersey City Gas Light Company, \$295 47, was received, and on motion referred to Special Committee.

Claim of John St. Lyon, \$157 60, for printing, was received, and on motion referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Commissioner Gregory moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet tomorrow, Friday Nov. 1, 1872, at 2 o'clock, p. m. The motion was adopted.

And on motion of Commissioner Pritchard the Clerk was authorized to request the presence of the City Collector.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to issue bonds for twenty years in sufficient amounts to meet the awards and expenses in the widening of Newark avenue, said bonds to be disposed of at not less than 90 per cent and interest.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries, when due, of the Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different officers and Clerks under control of this Board for the month of Oct., 1872, for the following amounts, viz.:

Cornelius H. O'Neil, \$250, salary as Mayor; E. A. Carman \$333 33, salary as Comptroller; Joseph H. Rabbelow \$250, salary as Treasurer; Wm. A. Lewis \$250, salary as City Attorney; Robert Hutton \$133 32, salary as Clerk to Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation; Wm. Stevens \$183 38, salary as Clerk to Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton \$200, salary as Clerk to City Collector; Justus Slater \$125, salary as Assessment Clerk in Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as Clerk in Collector's office; Weston Halsey \$100, salary as Clerk in Collector's office; Martin Finch \$100, salary as Clerk in Collector's office; Andrew D. White, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Wm. L. Jones, 14 days, \$46 66, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Henry House, 14 days, \$46 66, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Samuel Bridgitt, 13 days, \$43 33, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Jacob Emory, 26 days, \$78, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Thos. K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; N. E. Feury, \$100, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; A. L. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley, \$75, salary as City Hall Messenger and Page to Board of Finance and Taxation and Police Commissioners; Mary Listen, \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; Ann Norton, \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; and the Assessors and Assistant Assessors for the following amounts: Samuel Pierson \$133 33, salary as assessor First District; P. H. Lavery \$133 33, salary as assessor Second District; Joseph Acton \$133 33, salary as assessor Third District; G. P. Robertson \$133 33, salary assessor Fourth District; James M. Newkirk \$133 33, salary as assessor Fifth District; A. A. Woodward \$133 33, salary assessor Sixth District; C. H. Benson \$66 66, salary as assistant assessor First District; James L. Spencer \$66 66, salary as assistant assessor Second District; Samuel W. Stirling \$66 66, salary as assistant assessor Third District; John K. Martin \$66 66, salary as assistant assessor Fourth District; Theodore Mercede \$66 66, salary as assistant assessor Fifth District; Nicholas Weather \$66 66, salary as assistant assessor Sixth District.

And the official newspapers for the following amounts: American Standard, \$250, printing minutes; Evening Journal, \$250, printing minutes; Watch on the Hudson, \$250, for printing minutes.

The ayes and nays having been called for the resolution was adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, and Commissioners Gregory, Pritchard and Bumsted. Nays—None.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Friday, November 1, 1872, at two o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—None.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the report of the Committee on Finance on the application of the Jersey City Insurance Co. was taken from the table and read as follows:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Jersey City Insurance Co., would report that they are satisfied that the bonds and mortgages held by them for which exemption is claimed from taxation for the years 1868, 1869, '70 and '71, have been constantly in the possession of said company and not hypothecated for any purpose

whatever. They would therefore recommend that the City Attorney be authorized to adjust and settle the matter now pending in court between said Insurance Company and the city.

Commissioner Pritchard moved the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the communication of Mr. Ransom, on the part of Leonard Gordon, be referred to the City Attorney. The motion was adopted.

Committee on Finance reported a temporary loan of \$100,000 in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

Mayor O'Neill moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from Thursday last, Oct. 31, 1872. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the Board then adjourned. ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday November 14, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.
Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gregory they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition from Geo. R. Hillier with certificate of Water Register attached in relation to an erroneous payment, was, on motion referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from John B. Coles, attorney for Ella Converse, in regard to an error of assessment in the amount originally named, was, on motion referred to same Committee.

Communication from J. B. Gnocchio in relation to property wrongly assessed, was, on motion referred to the street Committee.

Communication from J. Carrick for Matthew Kelly, was received, and referred to same Committee.

Communication from Eliza J. Mickens, Hoboken, N. J., in relation to property bought August 11th, 1868, for unpaid taxes, was on motion referred to the same Committee.

Communication from Garret Vreeland, relative to the assessment made on the 5th September, 1871, by Matthew Gogellen, for Nicholson pavement, was on motion referred to same Committee.

Communication from William A. Lewis, City Attorney, relative to the claim of Mr. Leonard Gordon against the city, which was referred to him October 31, 1872, for his opinion, he would therefore recommend that the amount of verdict one hundred dollars, be paid in full discharge thereof—and that in this matter the Board of Finance and Taxation is the proper Board to adjust this claim. The matter being litigated, the warrant for amount of verdict, if ordered, should be drawn to the order of S. B. Ransom, Esq., as the Attorney of Mr. Gordon, and in receiving which Mr. Ransom should be required to discontinue all further proceedings.

Commissioner Gregory moved the report be received and the recommendation adopted, and would offer the following resolution;

Resolved, that a warrant be drawn in favor of S. B. Ransom, Esq., as the attorney of Mr. Gordon for (\$100) one hundred dollars, provided Mr. Ransom discontinue all further proceedings in the matter.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The following resolution, certified to by the Clerk, was received from Board of Public Works:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby directed to issue bonds to the amount of fourteen thousand five hundred dollars for the purpose of paying awards for the opening of a street, from Oakland to Palisade avenue, between Hoboken and Newark avenues.

On motion of Commissioners Gregory, the resolution was laid on the table for the present.

Two bills of costs of Supreme Courts on certiorari of John C. vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, together with a communication from Wm. A. Lewis, City Attorney, stating he had examined said bills of costs, and found, by the Clerk's certificate, that the same had been regularly taxed, and would advise that said bills of costs be sent to this Board for liquidation, with a recommendation from the Board of Public Works (as was heretofore annexed), that the same be paid as correct.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the papers were received and the recommendation adopted, and he would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of S. B. Ransom, attorney for John Coar, for \$47 38, amount of costs of Supreme Court in matter of Grand street sewer, John Coar vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, and \$63 87 to same parties for costs in matter of payment in Grand street.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the two weeks ending Thursday, November 14, 1872:

Balance credit general account.....	\$60,669 01
Balance credit, water account.....	—
Balance credit sinking Fund Act, bonds and certificates.....	203,000 00
Cash.....	9,064 27

Total.....\$272,733 28

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance reported the outlook for the coming week was \$82,000.

And the report from the different resources as follows: Taxes, \$58,643 23; assessments, \$21,909 16; water, \$4,658 32, and that they are ready to pay awards in regard to Newark avenue.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Board, September 26, 1872, ordering a warrant to be drawn in favor of John V. B. Vreeland, Water Registrar, for sixty thousand dollars to pay interest be rescinded, and that the City Clerk be directed to cancel the warrant.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the Clerk was authorized to request Commissioner Pritchard to forward the claims now in his possession.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorized to offer Messrs. Peter and Robert Goelet one hundred thousand dollars in twenty year improvement bonds in exchange for the same amount in bonds due in 1875, providing the City Attorney gives a written opinion of the legality of such exchange.

Ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted. Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Committee on Taxation and Assessments:

Your Committee on Taxation and Assessments to whom was referred at this meeting the petition of John B. Coles, attorney for Ella Converse, for refunding of moneys on account of assessment for improvement of Newark avenue, &c., respectfully report that upon examination of assessment map, your Committee find that the amount paid by Mr. Coles Sept. 19, 1872, was the original amount assessed against lot 104, block F and was paid on an old bill sent him in January 1870, and that subsequently to January 1870, a correction was made whereby the assessment on lot 104 was reduced \$184 25, which amount was added to lot 10, the adjoining lot, owned by N. J. R. & Co. and paid by said company, leaving the sum, \$605 45, with interest due on lot 104, instead of the amount paid by Mr. Coles Sept. 19, 1872. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen hundred and thirty-three dollars and sixty cents be paid to John B. Coles, attorney for Ella Converse, to refund amount paid City Collector Sept. 19, 1872, for assessment on lot 104, block F, for improvement of Newark avenue from the cobble stone pavement to the westerly limits of the city, confirmed January 8, 1870, the said warrant to be delivered upon his payment to the City Collector of the sum of two hundred and ten dollars and seventy-one cents, (\$1210 71) the amount actually due on said lot 104 for said assessment.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Gregory asked the President to be excused and retired.

The Committee reported on the resolution from the Board of Public Works to refund water rents erroneously assessed, report that they had referred the matter to the City Attorney, who has furnished his opinion hereto annexed, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$13 78 be paid to George P. Simonson to refund water rents of 1871, and back assessment from November 1, 1870, on lot 10, Harrison avenue, in block 419, paid June 30, 1871, the said assessment being erroneous, there being no water pipe in that part of said city.

Ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Your Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, October 1, 1872, the petition of Wm. Robertson and William Bumsted to have refunded water rents twice paid, respectfully report that the Water Registrar has certified to the double payment in each case, as appears by the bills hereto annexed, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of twelve dollars be paid to William Robertson to refund water rents of 1872 paid on lot 126, Monticello avenue, in block 232, and that the sum of twelve dollars be paid to William Bumsted to refund water rents of 1872 paid on lot 125, Monticello avenue, in block 232, the said water rents having been paid June 3, 1872, by the tenants, and July 1, 1871, by the respective owners.

Mayor O'Neill moved the report be received and the resolution adopted.

The ayes and nays having been called by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The committee reported on the petition of Charles Drior, to have refunded water rents of 1872, levied for a soda fountain and twice paid, but recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of seven dollars and eighty-eight cents be paid to Charles Drior, to refund water rents of 1872, paid September 3, 1872, for soda fountain on lot 18, in Newark avenue, in block 592, the same having been previously paid by the owner, September 4, 1872.

Commissioner Bumsted moved the report be received and the resolution adopted.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Your Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred the matter of application of August Maddaloni, for relief from payment of interest on assessment for improvement of Gardner avenue, from Monticello to Palisade avenue, confirmed Nov. 17, 1871, and on his lot No. 91, or 65 Monticello avenue; 6 on block 237, amounting to \$21.43, the interest on which amounted July 16,

1872, to \$23 13, respectfully report that in the opinion of the City Attorney your honorable body have no authority under the charter to remit interest on assessments. Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ROBERT BUMSTED, { Committee.
D. S. GREGORY, JR., }
Jersey City, Nov. 14, 1872.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the report be received and the action of the committee confirmed.

The motion was adopted.

AUDITING CLAIMS BY RESOLUTION,

That had been presented, received, and ordered paid.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Clements & Stockwell \$34 20, for twenty thousand envelopes for Collector's office; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear \$196 51 for job printing; Jersey City Gas Light Co. for gas consumed \$295 47.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Henry Steffens for painting signs and lettering in different offices of City Hall, \$62 90; John Anness, \$155 86 for brooms, dusters, sponges, stove feeders, &c. On motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to Special Committee; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear \$329 for printing minutes and tax bills; and John H. Lyon \$159 60 for printing, was, on motion, received and referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gillett, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to notify the Police Judges to comply with resolution of July 6, 1870, relative to the time of paying over all money to the City Treasurer.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Wm. L. Jones for \$66 66, amount of salary due him as Assistant Assessor for month of July.

The ayes and nays having been called for the resolution was laid on the table by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

Resolved, That of the two hundred thousand dollars appropriated to the reconstruction of sewers, fifty thousand dollars be transferred by the Comptroller to the reconstruction of streets.

By Commissioner Gillett, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of John V. B. Vreeland, water registrar, for eight hundred and eighty-three dollars and ninety-eight cents, amount received on general account for redemption of property sold March 13, 1872, for arrearages of water rents.

Mayor O'Neill moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from to-day. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the Board then adjourned. ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, Tuesday, November 19, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Bumsted and Gregory.
Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Pritchard.

President Gillett stated the object of the meeting, and the Clerk read the call, and Commissioner Gregory, in relation thereto, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That fifty thousand dollars be transferred from general account to water account and that a warrant be drawn in favor of J. V. B. Vreeland, Water Registrar, for that amount.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—All the members present.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, November 29, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Pritchard and Gregory.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Bumsted.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Justice Shackleton, returning the resolution in reference to the time to deposit money with the City Treasurer.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the communication was laid on the table for the present.

Petition from G. E. Winants that the sum of one hundred and forty-one dollars seventy-three cents be ordered paid to him, the same having been paid twice, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS

Claim of Dixon & Collins, \$619 63, for legal services, having been audited by the Committee and found correct, Commissioner Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Dixon & Collins for \$619 63 for legal services.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The City Treasurer reported the balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the two weeks ending Thursday, November 28, 1872:

Balance, credit general account.....	\$107,041 36
Balance, credit sinking fund account.....	11,005 77
Bonds and certificates.....	202,000 00

Total..... \$321,047 13

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Finance Committee reported in addition to that already reported by the Treasurer, \$28,900; also reported in the matter of the exchange of bonds with Messrs. Goller's, and in connection with it submitted a written opinion of the City Attorney on the matter.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received and the communication ordered on file.

The rules were suspended for the purpose of presenting a communication from Spelman & Brush, City Surveyors, asking the Board to purchase a complete and compiled map of the city, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Adolph Walter, \$8 00, for repairing clocks, was, on motion referred to Committee on Claims.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gregory.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Appeals will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, for the accommodation of ladies, non-resident taxpayers, and for those residing in distant parts of the city.

Amended by Commissioner Pritchard, by adding the following words, viz: And that adver-

tisements to that effect be published in the official newspapers on Saturday and Monday.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution, as amended, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Gregory moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet on Thursday, December 12, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries, when due, of the Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different officers and clerks under control of this Board for the month of November, 1872, for the following amounts, viz:

Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; F. A. Carman, \$33 33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as Treasurer; Wm. A. Lewis, \$250, salary as City Attorney; Robert Hutton, \$133 33, salary as Clerk to Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation; Wm. Stevens, \$133 33, salary as Clerk to Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton, \$200, salary as Clerk to City Collector; Justice Slater, \$125, salary as Assistant Clerk in Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$90, 27 days salary as Clerk in Collector's office; Weston Halsey \$90, 27 days salary as clerk in Collectors office; Martin Finck \$90, 27 days salary as clerk in Collector's office; Andrew D. White, \$90, 27 days salary as clerk in Collector's office; Wm. L. Jones, \$90, 27 days salary as clerk in Collector's office; Henry Hine, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Samuel Bridgert \$90, 27 days salary as clerk in Collector's office; Jacob Emory, 26 days, \$78, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Thos. K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; A. E. Feury, \$100, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; A. L. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley, \$75, salary as City Hall messenger and page to Board of Finance and Taxation and Police Commissioners; Mary Liston, \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; Ann Norton, \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; and the Assessors and Assistant Assessors for the following amounts: Samuel Pierson \$133 33, salary as Assessor First District; P. H. Lavery \$133 33, salary as Assessor Second District; Joseph Acton \$133 33, salary as Assessor Third District; G. P. Robertson \$133 33, salary as Assessor Fourth District; James M. Newkirk \$133 33, salary as Assessor Fifth District; A. A. Woodward \$133 33, salary as Assessor Sixth District; C. H. Benson \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor First District; James L. Spencer \$66 66 salary as Assistant Assessor Second District; Samuel W. Stirling \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor Third District; John K. Martin \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor Fourth District; Theodore Mersel's \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor Fifth District; Nicholas Werther \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor Sixth District.

And the official newspapers for the following amounts: American Standard, \$250, printing minutes; Evening Journal, \$250, printing minutes; Watch on the Hudson, \$250, for printing minutes.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday December 12, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.
Present—President Gillet, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition of Wm. King to refund water rents paid twice in error, was on motion referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Charles Clinton to correct assessment on lot 187, block 783, and calling attention to a petition previously left with a member of the Board, was, on motion, referred to same Committee.

Petition of W. H. Rogers to have refunded sewerage taxes of 1877 and 1883, twice paid, was, on motion, referred to same committee.

Communication from James H. Love, City Collector, inclosing communication from E. W. King-land, County Collector, requesting whole amount of County, State, and State School tax paid in between now and the 20th instant, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, received and referred back to Collector. Objected to by Commissioner Gregory.

Mayor O'Neill stated he meant no disparagement to the City Collector.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that warrants be drawn for \$200,000 as part payment for State and County tax.

Mayor O'Neill amended the motion, by adding, to be paid on Monday next. Lost.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for whole amount of State and County tax, said amount to be paid December 20, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present. Nays—None.

Communication from City Collector, submitting writ of certiorari at suit of Long Dock Co. on matter of widening Hoboken avenue, and orders from Supreme Court setting aside assessments against J. C. and Bergen R. R. Co. for improvement of Bergen avenue, and suggesting a reference of said documents to City Attorney for a return under his direction. The communications were received and the recommendation adopted.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims having been audited by their respective committees and found correct, Commissioner Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. F. Pollard \$83 75, for taking up railing, carpets, &c., in City Hall; Henry Steffens \$62 90, for painting signs and lettering, &c., in City Hall; John Anness \$155 86, for dusters, brooms, sponges, fenders, &c., in City Hall; John W. Harrison \$372 55, for stamps and stationery; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear \$139 75, advertising, and \$329 for printing minutes and tax bills; John H. Lyon \$147 10, for printing, and \$178 45 for printing, and Adolph Water \$3, for repairing clocks in City Hall, and Jordan & Bros. \$400, on account for stationery, printing, &c.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported balances in the Bank for two weeks ending Thursday, December 12th, 1872, as follows:

Balance credit general account.....	\$234,779 54
Balance credit water account.....	14,545 72
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	12,254 27
Bonds and certificates.....	203,000 00

Total.....\$481,589 53

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received and filed.

Comptroller's was received and ordered on file.

New Jersey Supreme Court—State. Jersey City and Bergen Railroad vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Costs of reversal &c., presented to Board of Public Works, Dec. 3, 1872, and referred to this Board for payment, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to City Attorney.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance reported balance water fund \$249,332 26, and \$215,264 27 sinking fund.

Reported sale of \$18,000 of water bonds at 93 per cent. and interest.

Amount due state on the 20th Decem-

ber.....	\$ 59,379 91
Amount due County.....	254,900 11
For state school tax.....	118,759 82
Poll tax.....	6,779 00

Total.....\$463,818 84

Committee on Taxation and Assessment on the communication of Spielmau & Brush, and calling attention to a map of Jersey City they are now compiling and sold for \$200, respectfully report that while your Committee are in favor of encouraging every good work, yet at the present time do not know of any officer or department under control of the Board, who would be benefited by the possession of one of these maps.

On motion, the report was received, and action of the Committee confirmed.

Report of Committee on Taxes and Assessments, on petition of G. E. Winants, to have renewed assessments twice paid, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy three cents be paid to G. E. Winants, to refund assessment on lots 44, 46 and 48 South Eighth street, in block 77, for improvement of South Eighth street from Grove to Washington street, paid October 31, 1872, the same having been previously paid July 17th, 1872. The ayes and nays having been called for, the report was received, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of G. R. Hillier, to have refunded water rents twice paid, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be paid to George R. Hillier to refund water rents of 1872, paid on lot 1, block 445, Bergen district, June 18, 1872, the said tax having been also paid June 29, 1872. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the report was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessment on communication from accountant of assessments concerning error in assessments, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel from the record in his office, of assessment for improvement of Monmouth street, from Fifth to Tenth streets, the sums set opposite the lots named in annexed schedule; and that the total amount of said schedule, to wit: \$906 89 be charged by the Comptroller to reconstruction account—the opinion of the City Attorney was read on the matter.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and the resolution was adopted.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of Eliza J. Mickens for payment of interest on redemption from sale by former city of Hudson for taxes of 1837 of lots bought by her at said sale, and redeemed in July and August, 1870, and the redemption of which the then Treasurer D. Hallanan, failed to send notice of, respectfully report that your Honorable Body, in the opinion of the City Attorney, have no power to allow the interest claimed by Mrs. Mickens. She is entitled only to purchase money and interest to date of redemption, which can be paid by issue of requisition by present Comptroller. Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. BUMSTED, } Committee.
D. S. GREGORY, JR., }

Jersey City, Dec. 12, 1872.

Mayor O'Neill moved the report be received and thereon recommendation adopted. The motion was adopted.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on petition of Matthew Kelly to have refunded moneys on water rents claimed to have been overpaid, reports: "It seems strange that water rents from 1835 to 1871, inclusive, seven years, should be paid by the petitioner November 25, 1871, and the fact of removal of stable as stated not known until December, 1872. Your Committee respectfully report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the report of the Committee was received and their action approved.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Wm. Murray, stoves, ranges, &c., for City Hall, \$23 75, referred to Committee on Claims; and Robert Hood, \$18 20, work on City Hall, referred to same committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By Commissioner Pritchard:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to advertise in the official papers of the city, all assessments which are now due and unpaid.

On motion it was laid on the table.

By Commissioner Pritchard and adopted:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to prepare for this Board, a list of unpaid taxes for 1871 and 1872.

By Commissioner Bumsted and adopted:

Resolved, That the City Attorney be requested to obtain from the Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State, and report to this Board a list of all cases that have been decided in said Court in which the Corporation of Jersey City, or of Hudson City, or Bergen City was defendant since the year 1863, with a brief synopsis of each decision, in order that a correct record of the same may be made in the office of the City Collector and to enable this Board to take such action thereon as said Attorney may deem advisable to recommend.

The rules having been suspended Commissioner Bumsted audited the following claims by resolution:

AUDITING CLAIMS BY RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Robert Hood, \$18 20, for work done on City Hall. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Gregory moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet on Thursday, December 26, 1872, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the Board then adjourned,

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, on Monday afternoon, December 16, 1872, at 2 o'clock.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard and Gregory. Absent—Commissioner Bumsted.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, and the President stated the object to be in reference to the payment of the State and County tax.

A communication was received from the City Collector and read, relative to the amount paid to Mr. Kin island, County Collector, on December 14th, \$16,308 27, and 16th, \$42,713 60, &c.

Commissioner Gregory then explained how and why the communication had been forwarded to the Board.

President Gillett stated that while he wished for an amicable adjustment of any difficulty or misunderstanding, he hoped the dignity of the Board would be sustained.

Commissioner Pritchard moved to reconsider the resolution passed at the last regular meeting of this Board, whereby a warrant was to be drawn on the City Treasurer for the whole amount of the State and County tax due on Dec. 20, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Commissioners Pritchard and Gregory. Nays—Mayor O'Neill. Absent—Commissioner Bumsted.

Commissioner Pritchard moved to amend the resolution by ordering a warrant drawn for \$439,818, the sum of \$200,000 less the amount paid by Mr. Love.

Commissioner Gregory would still further amend by ordering a warrant drawn for \$100,000, and in sums afterwards of \$50,000 until the whole sum is paid for State and County tax.

The amendments were withdrawn.

By Commissioner Pritchard:

Resolved, That a warrant for \$40,978 13 be drawn in favor of the County Collector as a payment on account of State and County tax.

Commissioner Gregory amended the resolution by adding the following: "Provided the City Treasurer receives the daily collections from the City Collector."

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution, as amended, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Commissioners Pritchard and Gregory. Nays—Mayor O'Neill. Absent—Commissioner Bumsted.

By Commissioner Pritchard:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasury in favor of the County Collector, in sums of \$50,000 or \$100,000, from time to time as the Chairman on Finance may direct, until the whole amount of State and County tax is paid.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Commissioners Pritchard and Gregory. Nays—Mayor O'Neill. Absent—Commissioner Bumsted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, December 26, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillet, Commissioners Pritchard and Bumsted.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill.

The reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gregory they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of B. Buchanan Yale, asking an abatement in regard to tax bill of Jersey City Forge Company was, on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, received, and the Clerk was authorized to respectfully return the same and state to Mr. Yale this Board has not now any jurisdiction in the matter.

Petition of J. H. Koch to refund money paid twice on lots 616 and 617, Webster avenue was, on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from C. Steck stating he had paid on lot 40, and it did not belong to him, but lot 38 did, was, on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from Jos. F. Randolph, special guardian in chancery of Walter H. Sexton, that the apportionment of said assessment on lot 17 not taken for Clinton place be fully cleared and discharged of all lien or incumbrance of said assessment on payment of newly apportioned share thereof, was on motion referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from Richard Jenkins to have correction made in regard to his payment being credited to adjoining property by the last Collector, and previous to Mr. Love's time, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from the executors of the estate of P. Devine for payment of interest on award for land taken in widening of Newark avenue, was, on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition from Lyle Reed requesting the Board to relieve him from paying tax on personal property and poll tax on the enclosed bill, as it does not nor never did belong to him, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from the executors of the estate of O. C. Hopper, stating that they had paid taxes on a lot not belonging to them, and found the owner had paid also on the same lot, was on motion referred to same Committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance reported sale of bonds, &c., leaving a balance of \$208,000, and reported on the communication of P. McNulty, executor of P. Divine, asking for an allowance of interest on the sum of \$5,960 91, amount awarded to the heirs for lands taken for the widening of Newark avenue, from the 15th September to 15th November, because the said warrant was not signed by the Comptroller until the latter date, would report adverse to granting the allowance, for the reason.

First, As part of the time was taken by the petitioners and others to decide whether or not they would accept an offer to pay them in bonds.

Second, It took, necessarily, some time to negotiate bonds wherewith to pay said awards.

Third, That we can find no precedent for allowance of interest when delays occur in raising money.

D. S. GREGORY, JR., } Committee.
E. M. PRITCHARD, }
Jersey City, Dec. 26, 1872.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of W. H. Rogers to re-

fund sewerage taxes twice paid, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of nine dollars and sixty-five cents be paid to W. H. Rogers to refund monies paid October 25th, 1872, in redemption of lot 180 Varick street, block 338, from sale made March 13 1872, for sewerage taxes of 1867 and 1868, the said taxes having been previously paid June 19, 1869. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—All the members present.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessment on petition of Wm. King to have refunded water rents twice paid, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars and twenty-two cents be paid to Wm. King to refund water rents of 1872, paid August 9, 1872, on lots 1 and 2 West Side avenue, block 622, the same having been twice paid as certified to by the Registrar.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Mayor O'Neill came in and took his seat.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the rules were suspended in order to allow him to present a petition P. P. Van Arsdale, E. P. Stevens, J. P. Miller, E. Osborn, and others, to remit and cancel all taxes upon the Pavonia Union Mission, No. 206 Pavonia avenue, Jersey City.

The petition was read and on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to the City Attorney.

By Mayor O'Neill:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jordan Bros. for sixty-four dollars \$64, being balance of bill presented Dec. 12, 1872, for \$464, \$400 being paid on account on that date.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Farrier & Bros., \$71 75, for globes, gas fixtures, etc., for City Hall, and Charles Scott, \$60 14, for repairs in City Hall, etc., was on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, referred to Special Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that when this Board shall adjourn, it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from date.

The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries, when due, of Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney and the different officers and clerks under control of this Board, for the month of December, 1872, viz: Chas. H. O'Neill \$250, salary as Mayor; E. A. Carman \$333 33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Wm. A. Lewis \$250, salary as City Attorney; Robert Hutton \$133 33, salary as clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation and Mayor; Wm. Stevens \$183 33, salary as clerk to Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton \$200, salary as clerk to Collector; James Slater \$125, salary as assessment clerk in Collector's office; John Creech, Jr. \$90, 28½ days, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Weston Halsey \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Martin Finck \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Andrew D. White \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Wm. L. Jones, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Henry Hulse \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Samuel Bridgert \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Jacob Emory, 26 days, \$78, salary as Clerk in the Collector's office; Thos. K. Halstead \$125, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; N. E. Reury \$100, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's

office; A. L. Sears \$100, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley, \$75, page to Boards of Finance and Taxation and Police Commissioners; Mary Liston, \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; Ann Nor'ou \$36, cleaning rooms in City Hall; Samuel Pearson \$133 33, Assessor First District; P. H. Laverty, \$133 33, Assessor Second District; Joseph Acton, \$133 33, assessor third district; G. P. Robinson, \$133 33, assessor fourth district; Jas. M. Newkirk, \$133 33, assessor fifth district; A. A. Woodward, \$133 33, assessor sixth district; C. H. Benson, \$66 66, assistant assessor first district; James L. Spencer, \$66 66, assistant assessor second district; Sam. W. Stillings, \$66 66, assist-

ant assessor third district; John R. Martin, \$66 66, assistant assessor fourth district; Theodore Merseles, \$66 66, assistant assessor fifth district; Nicholas Werther, \$66 66, assistant assessor sixth district; Evening Journal, \$250, printing minutes; American Standard, \$250, printing minutes; Watch on the Hudson, \$250, printing minutes.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk,

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Tuesday, December 31, 1872.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard and Gregory.

Absent—Commissioner Bumsted.

The Clerk read the call of the meeting which was for general business.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the rules were suspended for the purpose of offering the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. V. B. Vreeland, Water Registrar, for fifty thousand dollars, as a temporary loan to water account.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard and Gregory. Absent—Commissioner Bumsted.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from George J. Langworthy, enclosing a bill for serving forty summons, was on motion referred to Committee on Claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory asked the indulgence of the Board for a few minutes to allow him to present and read the following report:

The Chairman of the Finance Committee would report that, in addition to the large drain upon the City Treasury of four hundred and sixty-nine thousand eight hundred and eighteen dollars and eighty four cents (\$469,818 84), for State, County, School and Poll Tax, rigidly taken from the first money collected by the Tax Collector, they have been able this day to pay, without borrowing, and using simply the income of the city, the following:

Loan due the Hudson County Bank..	\$100,000 00
Interest on general account.....	110,000 00
Interest on water account.....	66,067 50
Salaries.....	21,000 00

Total..... 294,067 50

And are prepared to meet the salaries of the Board of Education, when presented, amounting to..... 16,500 00

\$310,567 50

The Committee cannot make this, their final report for the year 1872, without alluding to the generous action of the Mayor and the President of this Board in securing funds, outside of any financial understanding with this Committee, by which the police force are this day paid their salaries to the 17th December; and also to the Hudson County National Bank, the Committee would recommend a full acknowledgement of

the liberality and courteous treatment extended to the city during the period they have so nobly stood by us in sustaining our integrity with all who have had dealings with us.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

Commissioner Gregory on the part of the Committee on Salaries reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following named clerks in the Collector's office be and are hereby notified that their positions are declared vacant with the expiration of this year:

Justus Slater, John Creech, Jr., Weston Halsey, Martin Finck, Andrew D. Whyte, William L. Jones, Henry Hinse, Samuel Bridgart, Jacob Emory, Alex. D. Hamilton.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gregory.

Nays—Commissioner Pritchard.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted:

Resolved, That the following clerks be appointed to serve at the salaries affixed to their names, and in the positions named from January 1, 1873.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Alexander D. Hamilton, Clerk, per month ..	\$200
Justus Slater, Assessment Clerk, per month ..	125
John Creech, Jr., Clerk, per month.....	100
Martin Finck, Clerk, per month.....	100
Samuel Bridgart, Clerk, per month.....	100
J. H. Clough, Clerk, per month.....	100

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Andrew D. Whyte, Clerk..... \$100

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of J. B. Cleveland, \$1,400, interest due him, having been referred to the Committee on Claims at this meeting, and found correct, Commissioner Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of J. B. Cleveland for fourteen hundred (\$1,400) dollars, being amount due him for interest on \$20,000, reserved on Grand street pavement.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, January 9, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present - Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Dumsted and Pritchard.

Absent - President Gillett and Commissioner Gregory.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill was appointed President pro tem.

The reading of the minutes of the last two meetings were dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Pritchard they were approved as printed.

PRESSENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Duryea McGinnis petitions for correction of error in assessment of his property, block 448, lot 3, Wayne street, for improvement of Wayne street, he having paid for said improvement before, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of J. Bigler in regard to the property of the Washington Iron Works, stating that he owns the real estate only, and not the personal property of \$10,000 that appears on his tax bill, and for which he prays correction, and also to remit the five per cent penalty because of delay, it was not his fault, as he had presented himself for payment of the above, if corrected, was, on motion, laid on the table.

Petition of R. C. Bacot for Robert Hutton, stating that lots 36, 37, 38 and 39, block 841, Colliard street, had been paid by him December 31, 1872, they do not belong to him but to R. B. Bacot, who had also paid on the same lots December 31, 1872, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Frederick Leucks to remit so much of his tax as was overpaid by mistake, having been charged for a house and lot where there is no house but a vacant lot, was, on motion, referred to the same Committee.

Communication from J. Paulmier, President of the Jersey City Insurance Co., notifying the Board of the payment by that Company of seven hundred and eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents, leaving the tax due by said Company on twenty-one thousand nine hundred and thirteen dollars of taxable assets concerning which there is no dispute. The remaining four hundred and ninety-three dollars and twenty-one cents assessed to the company they dispute, and propose, if necessary, to test in the courts on the ground that they claim from the amount of their taxable assets a deduction, as liabilities, of fifteen thousand and thirty-seven dollars, being the present worth of their five year and perpetual policies amounting to that sum. As it had been presented to this Board when acting as Commissioner of Appeals, and the matter having been referred to the attorney for adjustment, and want to be understood as making the above payment without any prejudice to their rights, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, laid on the table.

Communication from J. J. Youlin, secretary, calling attention and submitting a resolution passed by the Committee on Charter Amendments, appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, and held at the City Clerk's office Jan. 7, 1873, at 7 o'clock p. m., and soliciting an early response. The resolution read as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen, the different Boards of Commissioners, and the citizens at large be requested to furnish whatever suggestions as to the changes in the City Charter that they may think desirable, and that such suggestions be furnished in writing directed to the Chairman of this Committee (H. M. Soule) in care of City Clerk. The commu-

nication was received, read and laid on the table.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Special Committee on City Hall, having audited the following claims, Charles Scott, \$48.08; Farrier & Bros., \$74.75, and Wm. Murray, \$23.75, and found them correct, Commissioner Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Scott, \$48.08, for repairs in City Hall; Farrier & Bros., \$74.75, for globes, gas fixtures and repairs in the City Hall, and Wm. Murray \$23.75, for fixing stoves, ranges and grates in City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the Mayor, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes - All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the two weeks ending Thursday, January 9, 1873 as follows:

Balance to credit general account.	\$193,427 14
Balance credit, water account.	20,856 41
Balance credit Sinking Fund Act.	15,101 73
Bonds and certificates.	263,000 00

Total. \$432,385 28

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on petition of L. W. James, for reduction of Assessor's valuation for taxes of 1872, reported adversely with the approval of the City Attorney.

The report was read, and on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the action of the Committee confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on petition of R. Jenkins for correction of error in matter of assessment report, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to transfer from lot 14 to lot 13, Palisade avenue, in block 73, the amount paid on said lot 13, June 17, 1870, to J. B. Haight, then Collector, he having credited the wrong lot as appears by reference to bill of Richard Jenkins and the cash book in Collector's office.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes - All the members present.

Report of the same Committee on petition of J. H. Koch to have refunded assessment twice paid, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of four dollars and seventy cents (\$4 70) be paid to J. H. Koch, to refund assessment paid December 5, 1872, on lots 290 and 290a, in block 736, for Broad or Franklin street and Mountain Road widening, the same having been previously paid June 6, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the Mayor, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Report of the same committee on petition of estate of E. C. Hopper, to have refunded taxes twice paid, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of nineteen dollars and forty-one cents (\$19 41) be paid to executors of estate of E. C. Hopper to refund taxes of 1871 and penalties on lot 31, Berren avenue, block 555, paid December 10, 1872, the same taxes having been paid with other property December 11, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President pro tem, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of J. H. Lyon \$256 50, for printing, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claims of Jas. R. Whyte \$33, for wood for City Hall, and George Wood \$62 50, for coal for City Hall, was referred to the special committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Commissioner Bumsted offered the following:

Resolved, That Henry Hinse be employed as clerk in the Collector's office.

Commissioner Bumsted withdrew the resolution.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that Weston

D. Halsey be appointed a clerk in the Collector's office.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Pritchard and Bumsted.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Mayor O'Neill moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet to-morrow Friday, January 10, at 2 o'clock, sharp. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the Clerk of this Board was authorized to notify Alexander D. Hamilton and Justus Slater, Clerks in the Collector's office, to renew their bonds.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, January 10, 1873, at two o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Gullett, Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Bumsted

Absent—Commissioners Gregory and Pritchard.

The minutes of January 9 were read, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill were approved, with the exception of the appointment of Weston D. Halsey as clerk in the Collector's office, that part of it being irregular, and not in accordance with the rules governing the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the Mayor the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of J. Bigler, which was laid on the table at the previous meeting, was received and read, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from J. Paulmier, which was presented at a previous meeting and laid on the table, was taken up, read and referred to Committee on Finance.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of George Wood, \$62 50; Jas. R. Whyte, \$31, and John H. Lyon, \$256 50, having been audited by their respective Committees and found correct, Mayor O'Neill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Wood \$62 50, coal for City Hall; Jas. R. Whyte, \$33 wood for City Hall, and John H. Lyon, \$256 50 for printing.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

The Treasurer reported the balances in the Hudson County National Bank to date as follows:

Credit General Account.....\$178,840 25

Credit Water Account..... 6,093 33
Credit Sinking Fund Account..... 15,101 73
Credit Bonds and Certificates..... 203,000 00

Total.....\$493,035 31

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on petition of Charles Clinton, for reduction of assessment on property belonging to him for improvement of Warren street (now Congress street), from Paterson plank road to Central avenue, confirmation approved November 14, 1872, on alleging as a reason for such reduction, that property similarly located is assessed much less for same improvement, respectfully, report that said assessment having been confirmed in the manner required by law, your honorable body have no authority under the city charter, to take any action whatever. As to the other communication left in the room of the Board, your requesting correction of assessment for taxes, your committee can find nothing of it, the communication was never presented, the Clerk, Mr. Hutton, has never seen it, and therefore, your Committee have nothing to report.

ROBERT BUMSTED,
E. M. PRITCHARD,
Committee.

Jersey City, December 26, 1872.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petitions of Henry Rickersch and James J. Killen, for correction of tax bills paid, respectfully reported adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners. On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

Mayor O'Neill moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet Thursday, January 24, 1873. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the Board then adjourned

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, January 23, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—President Gille't and Mayor O'Neill. On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, Commissioner Pritchard was appointed President pro tem.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed (with the exception of the date of meeting, which there appeared Jan. 24 instead of Jan. 23d).

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Mr. J. Crouse to remit \$7.53, being amount paid by him in mistake on property belonging to Erie Railway Company, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Mrs. J. A. Thomas to refund to her \$77.37, being amount paid to James H. Love, Collector, for taxes of 1871, the same having been paid previously by Mr. McCabe, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from Mr. Edward Evans in regard to an erroneous sale, &c., was referred to the same Committee.

Petition from Robert Lawrie, stating he had paid on wrong lot by mistake—was referred to the same Committee.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Geo. J. Langworthy, \$24, for serving summons, having been audited by the Committee on Claims, Commissioner Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George J. Langworthy, \$24, as constable, for serving foot summons for alleged violations of City Ordinances.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank, for the two weeks ending Thursday, January 23, 1873:

Balance credit general account.....	\$142,042 16
Balance credit water account.....	56,896 24
Balance credit sinking fund account, cash.....	15,526 01
Bonds and certificates, credit sinking fund.....	203,000 00

Total.....\$417,464 41
On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the report was received and placed on file.

Communication from the City Attorney in the matter of tax against the Jersey City Insurance Co. for the years 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871, referred to him at a previous meeting, was received, read, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, ordered on file.

Report of the City Attorney, stating that he had complied with resolution of the Board requesting him to address the Clerk of the Supreme Court in reference to all cases decided against Jersey City, Hudson City or Bergen City as defendants, since 1868, was read, and on motion of Commissioner Gregory, ordered on file.

Report of City Collector in regard to resolution of the Board passed December 17, 1872, relative to unpaid taxes of 1871, and stating that he had prepared a list as required by said resolution, was on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, received and ordered on file.

A copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Education, January 13, 1873, having been forwarded to this Board by their Clerk was received, and read as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be requested to transfer twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars from the account of salaries to that of heating and ventilating.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bonds of Alexander D. Hamilton and Justus Slater, were presented and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance reported the sale of 52 \$1,000 water bonds.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the City Treasurer was authorized to destroy in presence of the Committee on Finance the coupons that were attached to the bonds formerly belonging to Peter and Robert Goelet, and exchanged for long bonds.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on petition of Lyle Reed for relief in matter of taxes of 1871, &c., would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to receive from Lyle Reed the sum of fifty-three dollars and twenty cents, with penalty of 1871 against lot 3, in block 73.

The ayes and nays having been called by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on petition of C. Steck, for correction of tax bill, &c., &c., respectfully report that the matter has been corrected by the City Collector satisfactory to the petitioner.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of R. C. Bacot, to have refunded taxes of 1872 twice paid, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-six dollars and twenty-four cents be paid to R. C. Bacot, to refund taxes of 1872 twice paid Dec. 31, 1872, on lots 36, 37, 38 and 39, Collard street, in block 841.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of John Anness \$63.25, and T. C. Brown \$140, was on motion referred to special committee.

Claim of George Warrin \$53, was referred to Committee on Claims.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Bumsted:

Resolved, That the sum of forty-two dollars and forty-four cents (\$42.44) be paid to heirs of Joseph Chaddock, to refund taxes of 1871, paid December 11, 1871, on lots 131 and 132, Hudson avenue, in block 750, the said taxes having been previously paid November 17, 1871; and that the Clerk be directed to notify City Collector of this action of the Board.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted June 27, 1872, ordering payment of said amount to C. Chaddock be rescinded and the City Clerk is hereby requested to cancel the warrant then drawn.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Bumsted.

Resolved, That the sale made March 13, 1872, of lots 33 to 46, and 94 to 103, Magnolia avenue, in block 141, for taxes of 1870, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that said property was purchased by the managers of the Hudson County Hospital in December, 1869, and is exempt from taxation, as provided in act entitled "An act to incorporate the Hudson Co. Hospital of Hudson County." Approved March 12, 1861.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory, and adopted :

Resolved, That the warrant drawn to the order of Jas. H. Love for \$149,000 be and the same is hereby ordered cancelled.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the Committee on Taxation and Assessments be authorized to advertise the unpaid taxes of 1871.

Commissioner Gregory amended the motion by adding that the committee be authorized to report on the propriety of advertising.

The motion as amended was adopted.

Commissioner Gregory moved that the testimonial to the Hon. Geo. H. Farrier after having the necessary corrections be suitably framed under the direction of the special committee of this Board, and that they be presented to that gentleman.

The motion was adopted.

The annual report of the Board was presented, read and referred to a special committee of Commissioner Gregory and Pritchard.

By Commissioner Gregory :

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for payment of salaries, when due, of Mayor, Comptroller, City Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different officers and clerks under control of this Board, for month of January, 1873, for the following amounts :

Charles H. O'Neill, salary as Mayor.....	\$250 00
E. A. Carman, salary as Comptroller.....	33 33
J. Hornblower, salary as City Treasurer.....	250 00
William A. Lewis, salary as City Attorney.....	250 00
Robert Hutton, salary as Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation and Mayor.....	133 33
William Stevens, salary as Clerk to Comptroller.....	183 38
Andrew D. Whyte, salary as clerk in the City Treasurer's office.....	100 00
A. D. Hamilton, salary as Clerk to Collector of Revenue.....	200 00
Justus Slater, salary as Assessment Clerk in Collector's office.....	125 00
John Creech, Jr., salary as Clerk in Collector's office.....	100 00
Martin Finck, for salary as Clerk in Collector's office.....	100 00

Samuel Bridgart, salary as Clerk in Collector's office.....	100 00
Jacob H. Clough, salary as Clerk in Collector's office, 26 days.....	96 66
Thos K. Halstead, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office.....	125 00
N. E. Feury, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
A. L. Sears, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 09
Peter J. Halsey, salary as City Hall Messenger and page to Boards of Finance and Police Commissioners.....	75 00
Mary Liston, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00
And the Assessors and Assistant Assessors for the following amounts :	
Samuel Pierson, Assessor First District.....	133 33
P. H. Laverty, Assessor Second District.....	133 33
Joseph Acton, Assessor Third District.....	133 33
G. P. Robinson, Assessor Fourth District.....	133 33
James N. Newkirk, Assessor Fifth District.....	133 33
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District.....	133 33
C. H. Benson, Assistant Assessor First District.....	66 66
James L. Spencer, Assistant Assessor Second District.....	66 66
Samuel W. Stilsing, Assistant Assessor Third District.....	66 66
John K. Martin, Assistant Assessor Fourth District.....	66 66
Theo. Merseles, Assistant Assessor Fifth District.....	66 66
Nicholas Werther, Assistant Assessor Sixth District.....	66 66
And the official newspapers for printing minutes :	
Evening Journal.....	250 00
American Standard.....	250 00
Watch on the Hudson.....	250 00

The ayes and nays having been called for the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—All the members present.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the Board then adjourned until next Thursday.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, January 30, 1873 at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—President Gille't and Mayor O'Neill. The Board was called to order by the Clerk, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, Commissioner Pritchard was appointed President pro tem.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of G. Och, in regard to property of his that has been sold for taxes of 1870, was on motion referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from Bernard Batjer, in reference to tax paid by him on wrong lots (in mistake) was on motion referred to same committee.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of John Anness, \$63 25, for matting, grates, brackets, etc., for City Hall, having been audited by the committee and found correct.

Commissioner Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Anness, \$63 25, for matting, grates, brackets, &c., for City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the week ending January 30, 1873:

Balances Cr. general account.....	\$101,483 08
Water account.....	89,506 04
Sinking fund account.....	23,378 01

Total.....	\$214,367 13
Bonds and certificates Cr. Sinking fund.....	\$203,000 00

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received and ordered on file. Comptroller's report was received and ordered on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance presented a communication from D. W. Taylor for Job Male and Chas. Clark, relative to some bonds held by those gentlemen (Town of Bergen bonds), and payable in eight years, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance to consult with the City Attorney.

The Committee on Finance reported the official bonds of Alexander D. Hamilton and Justus Slater correct, and they were, on motion, received and ordered on file.

The Committee on Finance reported favorable on the transfer from one account of the Board of Education, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be instructed to transfer from the amount appropriated to the salary account of the Board of Education twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) to fire and gas account of the same Board.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The Committee also reported they had witnessed the destruction by cutting off the signature and punching the five hundred coupons taken from the bonds of Peter and Robert Gallet, exchanged for twenty-year bonds by order of this Board. Also they have had coupons past due upon bonds in the Sinking Fund, detached and deposited to the same account.

The improvement certificates, amounting to \$32,000 past due, the committee have allowed to remain; also, they would report having sold, since last meeting, forty-five water bonds at ninety-nine per cent. and interest.

On motion, the report was received, and the action of the committee confirmed.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of Mrs. J. A. Thomas to have refunded tax of 1871, twice paid, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of seventy-seven dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$77 37) be paid Mrs. J. A. Thomas, to refund taxes of 1871, paid June 11, 1872 on plots lots 25 and 26 South Second street, block 318, the said taxes having been previously paid by Mr. McCabe, May 3, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of F. Jinks to have refunded taxes of 1871, &c., reported adversely with the advice of the City Attorney, whose opinion was annexed. The report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of Brian McGinnis, for relief from payment of Assessment, under advice of the City Attorney, the Committee report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner. On motion the report was received and action confirmed.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of Edward Evans for permission to pay water rents of 1870 without legal penalties, report adverse to any action of the Board, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and recommendations of Committee adopted.

Mayor O'Neill came in and took his seat.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of Robert Lowrie to have refunded taxes of 1870 twice paid, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-one dollars and fifty-one cents, (\$21 51,) be paid to Robert Lowrie to refund the taxes of 1870, paid Nov 25, 1870, on lot 25, Clinton street, in block 26, the said taxes having been previously paid November 11, 1870, by John M. Wilson, the actual owner.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The rules were suspended and a communication from Casper Faulhaber was read in relation to taxes paid by him on wrong lot, was on motion referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be instructed to consolidate the accounts of the Fire Department, except that of salaries, under one general account, amended by Mayor O'Neill, by adding provided it is in accordance with the City Charter and under the direction and advice of the City Attorney.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That the Water Registrar, upon receiving notice of a sale of water bonds, make out a bill for the sums at the rate sold with accrued interest, if any, and forward the same with the bonds, when he shall have counter-signed them, to the City Clerk, in order that the calculations of the Registrar and Treasurer may be in accord before the delivery.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant for fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars to repay amount borrowed from general account, November 19, 1872, be drawn upon water account, and that the Water Registrar sign the same.

The Special Committee of Commissioners Gregory and Pritchard, to whom was referred,

January 23, 1873, the annual report of this Board for 1872, reported, after examining the same and making some alterations, they did, on motion, move the same be read. The motion was adopted.

The report was read, and on motion of Commissioner Gregory the blank dollars were filled in with \$2,000.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was adopted and the Clerk was authorized to attach the names of the different members of the Board.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the Committee on Finance were authorized to extend temporary loans if they deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from date. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms. City Hall, Thursday, February 14, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gregory, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from M. F. Church, for cancelment of sale for taxes, of 1870, of their church property, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from Alexander Franck, to correct some error said to have occurred in the City Collector's office, was, on motion, referred to same Committee.

Communication from the City Attorney inclosing a copy of a communication sent to the heads of late departments in Greenville, was on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and placed on file.

Amended by Commissioner Gregory, moving the whole matter be referred to a committee. The motion was adopted.

On motion the Committee on Finance were authorized to carry out the suggestions of the City Attorney.

A communication from the officers of the Tobacco Club, requesting the presence of the members of the Board on the occasion of their third annual charity masquerade ball, was on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and accepted.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the two weeks ending Thursday, February 13, 1873:

Balances Cr. general account.....	\$113,382 35
Balance Cr. water account	13,003 71
Balance Cr. sinking fund account.....	23,747 01

Total.....	\$150,133 07
Bonds held by Hudson County National Bank on account:	
Commissioners of Sinking Fund.....	\$171,000 00
Improvement certificates.....	32,000 00

Total.....	\$203,000 00
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On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the report was received and ordered on file.

Report of the City Attorney in the matter of the two 8-year bonds, held respectively by Job Male, Esq., and Chas. Clark, Esq., each for \$500, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received and filed, and the recommendations of the City Attorney adopted.

Mayor O'Neill appeared and took his seat.

Report of the City Attorney inclosing the three bills of costs of L. & A. Zabriskie, including cash paid for copies of returns made by Clerk of Board of Works, &c., \$109 06, were reported correct.

The report was received, and Commissioner Gregory offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasury in favor of L. & A. Zabriskie for \$109 06, amount of three bill of costs on certiorari in matter of Jersey City & Bergen Railroad vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, including cash paid for copies of returns made by Clerk of Board of Works.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance reported the funds a little less than the figures on the Treasurer's report shows them, and spoke on the necessity of issuing bonds, and for this purpose he would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That bonds bearing interest at 7 percent. payable 1st May and 1st November,

and to run at least twenty years, to an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars, be issued and sold at not less than par and interest less one per cent. in conformity with section 155, for such an amount as is necessary to pay for contracts made before the passage of the charter, and as described in section 153, in such amount as will be necessary to pay contracts made since the passage of the charter.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of J. Bigler, for permission to pay taxes on real estate after deducting personal property—the committee report adverse.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and action of the committee confirmed.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of G. Vreeland, to have refunded moneys paid by M. Gogelish in error, must be rectified by the owner of the land if possible, and that the city has nothing to do with the matter beyond the giving of a receipt for the money.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received and action of the committee confirmed.

Report of the same Committee on petition of George Uch to have refunded taxes erroneously paid, reported adverse to granting the prayer of the petition.

On motion, the report was received and action of the Committee confirmed.

Report of the same Committee on petition of T. Crouse to have refunded moneys paid for assessment on property not his own. The Committee report adverse to granting the prayer of the petition.

On motion, the report was received and action of the Committee was confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of J. F. Radolph, Jr., special guardian, &c., for relief in matter of sewer assessments, reported on favorably, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, withdrawn (by permission of Commissioner Bumsted) and re-committed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Times Publishing Company, \$1,750, for salary for publishing minutes for the various Boards of the City Government for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December and January, was on motion of Commissioner Bumsted laid on the table.

Claims of Charles Scott, \$23 75, for boxes and repairs in City Hall; New Jersey Ice Company, \$291 20, for ice furnished City Hall; A. W. Marinus, \$15, for mules paid for labor in cleaning cellar in City Hall, and George Wood, \$62 50, for coal for City Hall, was on motion referred to Special Committee on City Hall.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the resolution passed January 23, 1873, ordering money paid to George J. Langworthy for serving summons be rescinded, and that the claim be referred to the Police Commissioners. The motion was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for eight hundred and seventy dollars in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, as per annexed statement:

May 1, 1871, Sinking Fund deposited in	
General account.....	\$50 912 93
Oct. 13, 1871, Warrants drawn by Board of Finance.....	50,042 93

Due.....	\$8,000
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The ayes and nays having been called by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved—That a warrant be drawn on the

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City Treasury and countersigned by the Water Registrar for fifteen hundred and seventy-one dollars, to repay general account amount expended on Summit Avenue improvement contract, 177, the; the same being chargeable to water account.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved—That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer, and countersigned by the water registrar, for ten dollars and sixty-nine cents, being the amount paid out of general account to Keuffel & Esser for supplies to water assessor.

The ayes and nays having been called the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Hudson County National Bank, dated February 15, for fifty thousand dollars, on account of loan due on that date.

The ayes and nays having been called for the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Mayor O'Neil moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from date, or Thursday, February 27, 1873. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, February 27, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted. Absent—Mayor O'Neill.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of H. M. Post, to have refunded moneys erroneously paid, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of J. C. Peabody, for correction of error in taxing him, was referred to same Committee.

Petition from J. Bone, for remittance of amount paid in mistake, was referred to same Committee.

Petition from J. Riley, to correct error on bill paid, was referred to same Committee.

Petition from J. Ryan, to correct error, he having paid water rents twice, was preferred to same Committee.

Petition from Thos. Maxwell to remove charge of water rent, &c., for the reason that the building or stable were not on the property in 1870, was referred to same committee.

Petition from J. W. Scott to correct error in personal tax—was referred to same committee.

Petition from H. S. Gregory to correct error in assessment of property in Sussex street, was referred to same committee.

Communication from the City Clerk enclosing a copy of a certified copy of an act to consolidate township of Greenville with Jersey City. Also stating he had received from John Rowe, Township Clerk, on the 24th inst., books, maps, &c., in his custody as such clerk, and has for the present declined to accept records of Street Commissioners, believing that such records should be delivered to Board of Public Works.

Commissioner Gregory moved the receipt of the communication be acknowledged and it to be returned to City Clerk. The motion was adopted.

Communication from Mr. Robinson, per Martin, in relation to an agreement, &c., &c., with an Assessor, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, received, and the Clerk was authorized to return the same, and state, the Board had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Communication from the City Collector in relation to books received from Collector of the Township of Greenville, was on motion of Commissioner Pritchard laid on the table.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Chas. Scott, \$23 75; A. W. Marinus, \$15; T. C. Brown, \$1 40, and George Wood, \$62 50, was received, and Commissioner Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Chas. Scott, \$23 75, for boxes, &c., in City Hall; A. W. Marinus, \$15, for moneys paid cleaning cellar in City Hall; T. C. Brown, \$1 40, for muslin for City Hall, and George Wood, \$62 50, coal for City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer's report was received and ordered on file.

Report of John D. Heins, Collector of the late township of Greenville for the year 1872, was, on motion of Commissioner Pritchard, received and laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance presented the supplement of an act consolidating Greenville, and reinstating the Jersey City Times, and in connection with the latter he would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Jersey City Times be and is hereby reinstated an official paper, and that the resolution passed July 5, 1872, regarding the

official papers, be; and the same is hereby rescinded.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported sale of 30-year water bonds to Fifth Ward Savings Bank, etc., \$10,000 at par, and interest less 1 per cent., \$10,227 94
Received from Water Registrar, water rents, 14,943 50
Received from Collector of Revenue, taxes, 16,500 00
Assessments, 7,579 03
And Balance Cr. General Account, 52,705 69
And Balance Cr. Water Account, 24,508 50
And Balance Cr. Sinking Fund Account, 24,170 01

Total, \$101,384 20

Bonds and Certificates held by Hudson County National Bank on account Commissioner Sinking Fund: 203,000 00
And in the matter of bonds held by Job Male and Chas. Clark, he would report the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Hudson County National Bank, for forty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents, interest on bonds Nos. 35 and 36, City of Bergen, from May 1, 1872, to January 1, 1873, and said warrant shall be delivered only on presentation to City Comptroller.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Pritchard and Gregory. Nays—President Gillett and Commissioner Bumsted.

Commissioner Bumsted moved to reconsider the vote. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Bumsted then moved the whole matter be re-committed to the City Attorney. The motion was adopted.

Committee on Finance in regard to the books of Township of Greenville, reported they had declined to receipt for the same in bulk without knowing the result in the cases now pending before a referee.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of three thousand five hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$3,565), to pay the expenses incurred by the Board or Aldermen in the celebration of the 4th of July, 1872, and decoration of soldier's graves, the said expenditures having been legalized by an act of the Legislature, approved February 17, 1873, and that the bonds of the city be issued therefor to the party from whom the said monies shall be borrowed, the said bonds to be issued for a period of not exceeding one year with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum.

The ayes and nays having called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Reports of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of J. F. Randolph, Jr., special guardian, &c., for relief in matter of sewer assessment; Alexander Franck in matter of taxes of 1872, and the Mr. E. Church of West End for cancellation of sale of church property for taxes of 1870, was received and adopted.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Jackson & Knosce \$12 25, for shades and repairing maps, was referred to special committee. Panaborn, Dunning & Dear \$284 86, for advertising and printing, was referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery. John Rowe \$18 50, for filing affidavits, &c., and \$143 40 for services rendered as Town Clerk of Greenville, was, on motion, laid on the table.

Commissioner Pritchard moved, that when this Board shall adjourn, it shall adjourn to meet tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock, and that the Clerk be authorized to request the presence of the City Attorney. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, City Treasurer, City Attorney and the different officers and clerks under con-

The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, regarding the land owned by the United States in the State of California:

The total area of land owned by the United States in the State of California is approximately 10,000,000 acres. This land is divided into several categories, including:

1. National Forest Land: Approximately 10,000,000 acres.

2. National Monument Land: Approximately 1,000,000 acres.

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5. National Historic Landmark Land: Approximately 1,000,000 acres.

6. National Antiquities Land: Approximately 1,000,000 acres.

Vol of this Board for month of February 1873,
 when due, including \$2000 for Times Printing
 Company for printing minutes for the months
 of July, August, September, October, Novem-
 ber, December, January and February, viz:
 Charles H. O'Neill, salary as Mayor.... \$250 00
 E. A. Carman, salary as Comptroller.... 333 33
 J. Hornblower, salary as City Treasurer.... 250 00
 Wm. A. Lewis, salary as City Attorney.... 250 00
 Robt. Hutton, Clerk Board of Finance
 and Taxation and to the Mayor..... 133 33
 Wm. Stevens, Clerk to Comptroller.... 133 38
 A. D. White, Clerk to the City Treas-
 urer..... 100 00
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 September, October, November, De-
 cember, January and February..... 2,000 00
 The ayes and nays having been called for by
 the President, the resolution was adopted by
 the following vote:
 Ayes—All the members present,
 On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the
 Board then adjourned.
 ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, February 28, 1873, at four o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the reading of the minutes were dispensed with.

President Gillett stated the object of the meeting was to get the opinion of the City Attorney on the late township of Greenville, and other matters that came before the Board at the previous meeting.

The City Attorney was present, and when called upon did explain.

Commissioner Gregory, in order to facilitate business, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Taxation and Assessments instruct the Collector, James H. Love, to receive any moneys offered him for taxes due the late township of Greenville, keep on such account as will designate the amounts received from that source, in distinction from the amounts received for taxes from old Jersey City. The resolution was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of general account, and be, signed by Water Registrar, for twenty-five thousand dollars, in part payment of fifty thousand due that account.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved: That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Hudson County National Bank for forty-six dollars and sixty-seven cent., interest on bonds No. 35 and 36, City of Bergen, from May 1, 1872 to January 1, 1873, and said warrant shall be delivered only on presentation to the City Comptroller of the bonds

above stated and coupons attached.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Gregory, Pritchard and Bumsted. Nays—President Gillett.

Commissioner Pritchard moved the vote by which the resolution was passed yesterday, to draw a warrant for \$3,565 to pay the expenses incurred by the Board of Aldermen, in celebrating the 4th of July, 1872, be reconsidered. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Pritchard.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be hereby authorized to borrow the sum of three thousand five hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$3,565) to pay the expenses incurred by the Board of Aldermen in the celebration of the 4th of July, 1872, and decoration of soldiers graves, the said expenditures having been legalized by an act of the Legislature, approved February 17, 1873, and that the bonds of the City be issued to the party from whom the said moneys shall be borrowed, the said bonds to be issued for a period of not exceeding ten months, with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, the said amount to be inserted in the tax levy of 1873.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Farrier & Bro. \$15, for cleaning out pipes, etc., in City Hall, was, on motion referred to Special Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Bumsted, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, March 6, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—President Gillett and Mayor O'Neill. On motion, Commissioner Gregory was appointed President pro tem.

The reading of the minutes of the last meetings was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Bumsted, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk, in relation to a resolution that had passed the Board of Aldermen in reference to the payment of expenses incurred in the celebration of the 4th of July, 1872, was, on motion, received and ordered filed.

Petitions from Willis and Carson, to refund amount tax erroneously overcharged, was on motion referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear \$284 86, for advertising and printing; Jackson & Enscoe \$12 25, for repairing map- and shades; New Jersey Ice Co. \$291 20, for ice; and Farrier Bros. \$15, for cleaning pipes, lamps, &c, having been audited by their respective committees and found correct Commissioner Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$284 86, for advertising and printing; Jackson & Enscoe, \$12 25, for repairing maps and shades in City Hall; New Jersey Ice Co., \$291 20, for ice for City Hall; and Farrier Bros. \$15, for cleaning pipes, lamps, &c, in City Hall. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in Hudson County National Bank for the week ending March 6, 1873:

Balance Credit General Account.	\$18,354 14
Balance Credit Water Account.....	84,384 85
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account	25,218 01

Total.....\$127,957 00

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee reported that they had made two sales of bonds which closed that account, and would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of general account for twenty-five thousand dollars in payment of balance due that account by water account, and that the Water Registrar be requested to sign the same.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John C. Bruen \$150 for services rendered as Clerk to the late Board of Street Commissioners of Greenville, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Salaries; claim of John H. Lyon \$162 75 for printing, was referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Commissioner Bumsted moved that the resolution passed at the previous meeting in relation to the property of the West End M. E. Church be reconsidered. The motion was adopted.

By consent of the Board the resolution was withdrawn, and Commissioner Bumsted substituted the following:

Resolved, That the sale made March 13, 1872, to the City Treasurer for taxes of 1870, of lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, Tonnele avenue, in block 147, C. Weber's map, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that said lots belong to and are used for the purposes of the West End M. E. Church, and are exempt from taxation by general law of the State.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Bumsted moved that the Board do now proceed to an election for City Attorney, in accordance with Section 27 of the City Charter. The motion was adopted.

Nominations being in order, Commissioner Pritchard nominated Wm. A. Lewis.

Commissioner Pritchard was appointed teller. First ballot, 3 votes cast—Wm. A. Lewis having received the whole number of votes cast was declared elected City Attorney for the ensuing year, commencing March 1, 1873.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the clerk notify Mr. Lewis of his election. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, March 12, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President, Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioner Gregory and Bunsted.
Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Bunsted, they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications from S. P. Pinckney in relation to the payment of bonds due Jan. 1, 1873, of the late township of Greenville, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from City Attorney Wm. A. Lewis acknowledging the receipt of the Clerk's letter informing him of his election to the office of City Attorney by this Board, and stating his intention to qualify as required by the charter, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, received and ordered on file.

Petition of J. A. Bonker, in reference to water rents twice paid by him in error, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of A. Crouter, in relation to an unjust assessment paid on Moonmouth street, and to remit the same, as it was illegal, was, on motion, referred to the same committee.

Petition of W. H. Childster, in relation to an error in assessment, was, on motion, referred to same committee.

Petition from Mr. Braumiller, to correct error in assessing lot 23 block 929, to him, and by mistake paid by him, was, on motion, referred to same committee.

Communication from Anna E. Miller, First Directress for the home of aged women, to have cancelled the sale for taxes of 1870, of lots 25 and 26, on block 381, also for taxes of 1871 and 1872, on lots 24, 25, and 26, same block, as the property is exempt from taxation by law, was, on motion referred to same committee.

Communication from the City Clerk in reference to and requesting the destruction of several hundred coupon bonds now in his possession, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to Committee on Finance with power.

Petition from Mrs. Jane Boyle, 43 Newark avenue, whose property was sold for taxes of 1870, when she is positive that the tax on the same has been paid, although the bill bears no signature. It is, however, stamped with Collector's stamp and rebate calculated thereon, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John H. Lyon, \$162 75, for printing, and John W. Harrison, \$319 64, for stamps and stationery, having been audited and found correct, Commissioner Gregory offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John H. Lyon for \$162 75 for printing, and John W. Harrison, \$319 64, for stamps and stationery.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the week ending Thursday, March 13, 1873:

Bondage Credit General Account.....	\$25,159 77
Balance Credit Water Account.....	23,900 36

Total.....	\$48,460 13
To credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, cash balance.....	\$25,384 51
To credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Funds Bonds and Certificate.....	\$203,000 00

Total.....	\$228,384 51
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On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report was received and ordered on file.

The Clerk reported that he had received three improvement certificates of one thousand dollars each, of the late Township of Greenville, from parties desirous of bringing them before the Board.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the certificates be referred to the Committee on Finance, together with the other matters.

The motion was adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance wished the assistance of the Board in matters relating to Greenville, and would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to employ an expert (at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars) to assist them in the examination of the books of the late Township of Greenville.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mayor O'Neill moved that as Mr. Morrell, Treasurer of the late Township of Greenville, was present, he be heard.

The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to consolidate the street sewer reconstruction account.

By Commissioner Gregory:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be authorized to invest thirty five hundred dollars of the fund to purchase bonds issued to I. Edre, for celebration of Fourth of July and decoration of soldiers' graves in 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Mayor O'Neill moved that when this Board shall adjourn, it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from date.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Thursday, March 27, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—Commissioner Pritchard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill, they were approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from C. K. McLean, relative to the Monmouth street improvement, requesting amount paid on enclosed bill, &c., was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from Freeman & Bros. in regard to an erroneous assessment in South Seventh street, was on motion referred to same committee.

Petition from C. C. Westervelt, being charged and having paid in error water rents lot 15, was on motion referred to the same committee.

Petition from George Sherrill, to correct error in sale of property for water rents, was on motion referred to same committee.

Petition from Sherer, in regard to sale of property for taxes, was on motion referred to same committee.

Communication from George Warrin, relative to payment for engrossing a set of resolutions ordered by this Board to be engrossed for the Hon. G. H. Farrier, was on motion laid on the table.

Communications from Attorney Wm. Brinkerhoff in relation to the lot owned by Thomas Harrington, for cancelment of sale, &c., was, on motion, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from John E. Scott in relation to lots sold for water rents, and submitting the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of six dollars and eight-five cent- (\$6 85) be paid to Jacob Smith, and the sum of (\$6 85) six dollars and eighty-five cents be paid to George Hausche, to refund amount paid by them March 13 and 14, 1873, respectively in redemption of lots 12 and 11, Hicks street, in block 151, from sale made March 13, 1872, for water rents of 1870, the warrants for said amounts to be delivered upon the surrender to the City Clerk of the receipts of the City Treasurer,

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of A. P. Rikeman, for posting of tax notices, \$30, and \$45 having been audited by the committee and found correct.

Mayor O'Neill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn in favor of A. P. Rikeman for \$45, for posting 1,500 D. M. posters, tax notices, and \$30 for posting 1,000 posters, tax notices.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank for the two weeks ending Thursday, March 24th, 1873 as follows:

Balance credit general account,	7,053 02
Balance credit, water account.	17,694 69

Total. \$24,747 71

On mot on of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and ordered on file

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Gregory, on the part of the Finance Committee, reported on the communication of S. R. Pinckney, in relation to six bonds of late township of Greenville held by him, that the said bonds had been fully examined into, and the committee find the said bonds legitimately ordered and that they fell due January 1, 1873.

Also recommend that the communication of

President Paulmier, of Jersey City Insurance Company, be filed as a matter of record. Commissioner Gregory also reported the destruction of bonds as ordered by the Board at a previous meeting. The report of the Committee was received and the recommendations adopted.

Commissioner Gregory also reported having employed Mr. Fred A. Boyer to examine the books of the late Treasurer of Greenville, that he had found Mr. Morrill's books correct and he was entitled to a receipt in full.

By Commissioner Gregory and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Frederick A. Boyer for one hundred dollars (\$100) for services rendered as expect in examining the books of the late Treasurer of Greenville.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—all the members present.

Commissioner Gregory reported the sale of 15 bonds at 99 and interest, to the Fifth Ward Savings Bank.

Committee on Taxation and Assessments presented a report on the petition of J. W. Scott for relief from payment of taxes on personal property, for 1872, which was, on motion, recommended.

(Commissioner Pritchard appeared and took his seat.)

Committee on Taxation and Assessments reported adversely on petition of A. Crouter, Mr. Brannmiller, W. H. Chidester, John Reilly, F. Bone, Thomas Maxwell, to have refunded taxes paid in error.

Also reported adversely on petition of Mrs. Jane Boyle, concerning taxes of 1870: also that of J. C. Peabody.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, the reports of the Committee were received, and their recommendations adopted:

The Committee reported favorably on petition of J. A. Bonker and others, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-nine dollars and forty-five cents (\$29 45) be paid to J. A. Bonker to refund money paid January 6, 1873, in error as for water rents of 1872, on lot 4, Communipaw avenue, block 494, the said water rents having been previously paid June 25, 1872, as by the books and certificates of J. V. B. Vreeland, Registrar, fully appear.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-two dollars and twenty-two cents (\$22 22) be paid to Mrs. H. M. Post, to refund moneys paid February 13, 1873, in redemption of parts of lots 21 to 24, North First street, in block 251, sold March 13, 1872, for water rents of 1870, the same having been previously paid, June 9, 1870.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Resolved, That the sum of eleven dollars (\$11) be paid to John Rezan, to refund water rents of 1870, twice paid on lot 29, South Eighth street, in block 275.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Resolved, That the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) be paid to Pao-nas G. and William W. Carson, to refund water rents erroneously overcharged on lot 29, in block 222, and paid June 11, 1872, the said lot being at the time on vacant lot, and subject to no extra water rate over that of a vacant lot.

Resolved, That the sales made March 13, 1872, for taxes of 1868, 1869 and 1870, of lots 114, 116, 118 and 120 Sussex street, in block 166, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk.

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel of record the assessment for taxes of 1868, 1869 and 1870, against lot 120 Sussex

street, in block 166, for reason that no such lot exists in said block.

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby authorized to receive in full, payment of taxes of 1868, 1869 and 1870, on lots 114, 116 and 118 Sussex street, in block 166, the following amount with the interest and penalties thereon prescribed by law, 1868, one hundred and ninety-two dollars and fifty-eight cents, (\$192.58); 1869, one hundred and nine-three dollars and forty-five cents, (\$193.45); 1870, one hundred and seventy-five dollars and seventy-six cents, (\$175.76.)

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—All the members present.

Commissioner Gregory, on Committee on Salaries, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Hudson County German Publishing Company for \$250 being salary due for printing minutes of the several Boards of the city government for September, 1871, and \$250 for July, 1872, less sixty-six dollars and sixty-four cents, (\$66.64), leaving a balance of \$183.36, due that paper for said month of July, 1872; said deduction having been caused by a suspension of the publication of said minutes by order of the Board from June 27, to July 5, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted. Nays—President Gillett.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and referred to their appropriate committees :

Of Wm. W. Farrier \$43, chandelier globes, &c., in Treasurer's office; Times Printing Co. \$37.50, printing copies of law case against the Mayor and Aldermen; Times Printing Co. \$87.20 for tax books, notices &c.; John Rowe \$145.40, for services rendered as Town Clerk of Greenville; George Wood \$39, for coal for City Hall; John W. Harrison \$194.57, for bonds, stationery, &c.; Stevens 50 cents, keys for Comptroller's office.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the Board take a recess of ten minutes for the purpose of auditing claims presented at this meeting. The motion was adopted.

On the reassembling of the Board, Mayor O'Neill offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. W. Farrier for \$43, for chandelier, globes, etc., in Treasurer's office; Times Printing Co. \$37.50, for copies of law case against the Mayor and Aldermen; Times Printing Co., \$87.20, tax-books, notices, etc.; George Wood \$39, coal for City Hall; John W. Harrison, \$194.57, bonds, stationery, etc.; Stevens 50c. keys for Comptroller's office; John Rowe \$145.40, services as Town Clerk of Greenville, the payment of which is to be taken from moneys collected from Greenville taxes.

By Commissioner Pritchard and adopted :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to deliver all the books and papers appertaining to this Board to the incoming Board of Finance when appointed.

Mayor O'Neill moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to our worthy President for the impartial and respectful manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Board. The motion was adopted.

President Gillett thanked the members of the Board for the uniform kindness and respect that had always been shown him by every one of the members of the Board.

Commissioner Pritchard stated that Robert Hutton, Clerk to the Board had always performed his duty to the entire satisfaction of the members, and he would offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due, and are hereby tendered to Robert Hutton,

Clerk of this Board, for the faithfulness and fidelity displayed during the two years that he has been Clerk to this Board. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor O'Neill moved a vote of thanks to Peter J. Hanley, Page to the Board. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Gregory :

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different officers and clerks under control of this Board for month of March, 1873, when due, viz :

Charles H. O'Neill, salary as Mayor.....	\$250 00
E. A. Carman, salary as Comptroller....	333 33
J. Hornblower, salary as City Treasurer	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, salary as City Attorney	250 00
Robt. Hutton, Clerk Board of Finance and Taxation and to the Mayor.....	133 33
Wm. Stevens, Clerk to Comptroller.....	183 33
A. D. White, Clerk to the City Treasurer.....	100 00
A. D. Hamilton, Clerk to the City Collector.....	200 00
Justus Slater, Assessment Clerk in Collector's office.....	125 00
John Creech, Jr., Clerk in Collector's office.....	100 00
Martin Finch, Clerk in Collector's office.....	100 00
Samuel Bridgart, Clerk in Collector's office.....	100 00
J. H. Clough, Clerk in Collector's office.....	100 00
Thomas K. Halstead, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	125 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
A. L. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
Peter J. Hanley, City Hall Messenger, and Page of Boards of Finance and Police Commissioners.....	75 00
Mary Liston, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00
Sam Pearson, Assessor First District.....	133 33
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Joseph Acton, Assessor Third District.....	133 33
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Jas. M. Newkirk, Assessor Fifth District.....	133 33
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District.....	133 33
C. H. Benson, Assistant Assessor First District.....	66 66
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Sam. W. Stalsiz, Assistant Assessor Third District.....	66 66
John K. Martin, Assistant Assessor Fourth District.....	66 66
Theo. Mesles, Assistant Assessor Fifth District.....	66 66
Nicholas Wertner, Assistant Assessor Sixth District.....	66 66
Evening Journal, for printing minutes for March.....	250 00
American Standard, for printing minutes for March.....	250 00
Watch on the Hudson, for printing minutes for March.....	250 00
Jersey City Times, for printing minutes for March.....	250 00

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—All the members present.

Mayor O'Neill moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn without date, subject to the call of the President. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Saturday, April 5, 1873, at 2 o'clock.

Present—President Gillett, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Pritchard, Gregory and Bumsted.

Absent—None.

President Gillett stated the object of the meeting.

Commissioner Gregory asked permission to present a report at the proper time and have the same placed on record.

On motion of Commissioner Pritchard, permission was granted.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be read. The motion was adopted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Commissioner Pritchard moved that the minutes of the last meeting as read stand approved. The motion was adopted.

Committee on Finance would report and ask that it be made a matter of record:

That at a meeting of the Board, held February 14, 1873, a resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That bonds bearing interest at 7 per cent., payable 1st of May and 1st of November, and to run at least twenty years, to an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars, be issued and sold at not less than par, and interest less one per cent. in com-

formity with Section 155, for such an amount as is necessary to pay for contracts made before the passage of the Charter, and as described in Section 156, in such an amount as will be necessary to pay contracts made since the passage of the Charter; that these bonds were printed in accordance with that resolution, but that by the error of some one the bonds were antedated November, 1872.

That 15 bonds were sold to the Fifth Ward Savings Bank; that negotiations were progressing for 50 with a foreign house, when the error was discovered; that the sale made to the Savings Bank was annulled, but the Bank concluding to take 4 registered bonds at \$5,000 each, dated April 1, the transaction was carried out, the Bank paying the difference in cash. The bonds were ordered reprinted to date, May 1st, 1873, at 20 years and at 7 per cent.

Commissioner Gregory moved the report be received and placed on record. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the minutes of this meeting were read.

Commissioner Gregory moved the minutes as read be approved. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Gregory moved the Board do now adjourn, sine die. The motion was adopted.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



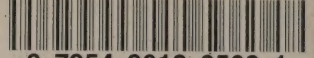
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